

Iraq about the plumbing in their homes not working, about the electricity having been shut off because of the wiring.

Mr. Speaker, let us do something that we need to do now and support our soldiers. It will take millions and millions of dollars when those senior members of the military get out, because their families do not want them to stay in the military because they do not have adequate housing.

Mr. Speaker, I promised the soldiers that we were going to correct that. Now I feel kind of embarrassed that we could not deliver to them what they need. I feel like my colleague. I am ashamed that we were not able to help our soldiers, those who are being wounded, those in the different hospitals.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, we pride ourselves in this body, I know my chairman and I pride ourselves, in working for and supporting the troops. But supporting the troops is more than a bumper sticker. We are the one body in the United States of America that can speak, and speak with authority, and make good things happen for those families and those soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

I hate to turn the news on in the morning, because I hear so many Americans have either been wounded or killed or both in the far reaches of Afghanistan and Iraq.

□ 1700

Those St. Louis families, we are not going to take care of them. We are going to do it by insisting on a technical point of order on the appropriations bill. That is not right. So let us vote for this. I will support this suspension measure. I, of course, do so with reluctance because we could solve the problem so easily on the appropriations bill by just doing nothing.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the bill under consideration here today. But I am disappointed that we could not address this issue in the military construction appropriations bill.

The military construction bill includes not just funding for the construction of much needed facilities but also funds dedicated to constructing housing for our troops and their families. These funds are needed to construct new housing to replace existing housing that is in poor condition—where failing electrical systems and leaky roofs risk the safety of our military families. These funds are needed to build new houses on military bases where there are not enough homes to meet the demand of our military families—where the waiting time for a home can be over a year, where young enlisted families must live far from the support the base community provides. And these funds are needed to remodel and refurbish homes that are in disrepair—where families live without proper air conditioning in the summer or with poor heating in the winter.

In order to meet these pressing needs in the best and quickest way possible, we have worked with private industry to speed relief to military families. But today some here in Con-

gress want to put a halt to the very successful military housing privatization program—not because they want to harm military families, but because they want to argue about the legislative process.

I believe that there is a time and a place for a debate about budget process to occur—that time is not now. Not when we have military families living in substandard housing. And not when we have hundreds of thousands of fathers and mothers serving in hostile environments around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote to support our military families by supporting the privatized housing program that has been so successful in bringing needed relief to these hardworking families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4879.

The question was taken. The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PERMITTING 5-MINUTE VOTES AFTER FIRST VOTE IN NEXT SERIES NOTWITHSTANDING INTERVENING PROCEEDINGS

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the next series of postponed votes, ensuing votes after the first vote may be 5-minute votes notwithstanding intervening proceedings attending the swearing in of the new Member-elect from North Carolina.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

Conference report to accompany H.R. 2443, by the yeas and nays; and on the motions to suspend the rules and pass

H.R. 4840, by the yeas and nays; and H.R. 4879, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2443, COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of

agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2443, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 425, nays 1, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 404]

YEAS—425

Abercrombie	Cunningham	Hinojosa
Ackerman	Davis (AL)	Hobson
Aderholt	Davis (CA)	Hoefel
Akin	Davis (FL)	Hoekstra
Alexander	Davis (IL)	Holden
Allen	Davis (TN)	Holt
Andrews	Davis, Jo Ann	Honda
Baca	Davis, Tom	Hooley (OR)
Bachus	Deal (GA)	Hostettler
Baird	DeFazio	Houghton
Baker	DeGette	Hoyer
Baldwin	Delahunt	Hulshof
Ballenger	DeLauro	Hunter
Barrett (SC)	DeLay	Hyde
Bartlett (MD)	DeMint	Inslee
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Isakson
Bass	Diaz-Balart, M.	Israel
Beauprez	Dicks	Issa
Becerra	Dingell	Istook
Bell	Doggett	Jackson (IL)
Bereuter	Dooley (CA)	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Doolittle	(TX)
Berman	Doyle	Jefferson
Berry	Dreier	Jenkins
Biggart	Duncan	John
Bilirakis	Dunn	Johnson (CT)
Bishop (GA)	Edwards	Johnson (IL)
Bishop (NY)	Ehlers	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (UT)	Emanuel	Johnson, Sam
Blackburn	Emerson	Jones (NC)
Blumenauer	Engel	Jones (OH)
Blunt	English	Kanjorski
Boehlt	Eshoo	Kaptur
Boehner	Etheridge	Keller
Bonilla	Evans	Kelly
Bonner	Everett	Kennedy (MN)
Bono	Farr	Kennedy (RI)
Boozman	Fattah	Kildee
Boswell	Feeney	Kilpatrick
Boucher	Filner	Kind
Boyd	Flake	King (IA)
Bradley (NH)	Foley	King (NY)
Brady (PA)	Forbes	Kingston
Brady (TX)	Ford	Kirk
Brown (SC)	Fossella	Kleczka
Brown, Corrine	Frank (MA)	Kline
Brown-Waite,	Franks (AZ)	Knollenberg
Ginny	Frelinghuysen	Kolbe
Burgess	Frost	Kucinich
Burns	Galleghy	LaHood
Burr	Garrett (NJ)	Lampson
Burton (IN)	Gephardt	Langevin
Buyer	Gerlach	Lantos
Calvert	Gibbons	Larsen (WA)
Camp	Gilchrest	Larson (CT)
Cannon	Gillmor	Latham
Cantor	Gingrey	LaTourette
Capito	Gonzalez	Leach
Capps	Goode	Lee
Capuano	Goodlatte	Levin
Cardin	Gordon	Lewis (CA)
Cardoza	Goss	Lewis (GA)
Carson (OK)	Granger	Lewis (KY)
Carter	Graves	Linder
Case	Green (TX)	Lipinski
Castle	Green (WI)	LoBiondo
Chabot	Greenwood	Lofgren
Chandler	Grijalva	Lowe
Chocola	Gutierrez	Lucas (KY)
Clay	Gutknecht	Lucas (OK)
Clyburn	Hall	Lynch
Coble	Harman	Maloney
Cole	Harris	Manzullo
Conyers	Hart	Markey
Cooper	Hastings (FL)	Marshall
Costello	Hastings (WA)	Matheson
Cox	Hayes	Matsui
Cramer	Hayworth	McCarthy (MO)
Crane	Hefley	McCarthy (NY)
Crenshaw	Hensarling	McCollum
Crowley	Herger	McCotter
Cubin	Herseth	McCreery
Culberson	Hill	McDermott
Cummings	Hinche	McGovern

McHugh	Pomeroy	Smith (WA)
McInnis	Porter	Snyder
McIntyre	Portman	Solis
McKeon	Price (NC)	Souder
McNulty	Pryce (OH)	Spratt
Meehan	Putnam	Stark
Meek (FL)	Radanovich	Stearns
Meeks (NY)	Rahall	Stenholm
Menendez	Ramstad	Strickland
Mica	Rangel	Stupak
Michaud	Regula	Sullivan
Millender-	Rehberg	Sweeney
McDonald	Renzi	Tancredo
Miller (FL)	Reyes	Tanner
Miller (MI)	Reynolds	Tauscher
Miller (NC)	Rodriguez	Tauzin
Miller, Gary	Rogers (AL)	Taylor (MS)
Miller, George	Rogers (KY)	Taylor (NC)
Mollohan	Rogers (MI)	Terry
Moore	Rohrabacher	Thomas
Moran (KS)	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (CA)
Moran (VA)	Ross	Thompson (MS)
Murphy	Rothman	Thornberry
Murtha	Roybal-Allard	Tiahrt
Musgrave	Royce	Tiberi
Myrick	Ruppersberger	Tierney
Nadler	Rush	Toomey
Napolitano	Ryan (OH)	Towns
Neal (MA)	Ryan (WI)	Turner (OH)
Nethercutt	Ryun (KS)	Turner (TX)
Neugebauer	Sabo	Udall (CO)
Ney	Sánchez, Linda	Udall (NM)
Northup	T.	Upton
Norwood	Sanchez, Loretta	Van Hollen
Nunes	Sanders	Velázquez
Nussle	Sandlin	Visclosky
Oberstar	Saxton	Vitter
Obey	Schakowsky	Walden (OR)
Olver	Schiff	Walsh
Ortiz	Schrock	Wamp
Osborne	Scott (GA)	Waters
Ose	Scott (VA)	Watson
Otter	Sensenbrenner	Watt
Owens	Serrano	Waxman
Oxley	Sessions	Weiner
Pallone	Shadegg	Weldon (FL)
Pascrell	Shaw	Weldon (PA)
Pastor	Shays	Weller
Payne	Sherman	Wexler
Pearce	Sherwood	Whitfield
Pelosi	Shimkus	Wicker
Pence	Shuster	Wilson (NM)
Peterson (MN)	Simmons	Wilson (SC)
Peterson (PA)	Simpson	Wolf
Petri	Skelton	Woolsey
Pickering	Slaughter	Wu
Pitts	Smith (MI)	Wynn
Platts	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Pombo	Smith (TX)	Young (FL)

## NAYS—1

Paul

## NOT VOTING—7

Brown (OH)	Deutsch	Quinn
Carson (IN)	Ferguson	
Collins	Majette	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1727

Mr. SANDERS changes his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 21, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Mr. Gray O. Bartlett, Executive Director, North Carolina State Board of Elections, State of North Carolina, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held July 20, 2004, the Honorable G.K. Butterfield was elected Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, State of North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*

Attachment.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Raleigh, NC, July 21, 2004.

Mr. JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Office of the Clerk, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: The unofficial results of the special election to fill the unexpired term in the First Congressional District of North Carolina are as follows:

G.K. Butterfield (Dem), 42,450 71%;  
Greg Dority (Rep), 16,470, 27%;  
Thomas I. Eisenmenger (Lib), 994, 2%.

All the counties in the First District have transmitted their unofficial totals to our SEIMS database as of 12:25 p.m., this morning. The above figures above represent the unofficial totals with all counties reporting into our SEIMS database at this time.

Sincerely,

GARY O. BARTLETT,  
*Executive Director.*

PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF  
MR. G.K. BUTTERFIELD, OF  
NORTH CAROLINA, AS A MEM-  
BER OF THE HOUSE.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) be permitted to take the oath of office.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest; and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
G.K. BUTTERFIELD, OF NORTH  
CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF  
THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Member-elect from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) kindly step into the well of the House, along with the members of the North Carolina delegation, and take the oath of office.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the

same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the House of Representatives.

## ELECTION OF G.K. BUTTERFIELD

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

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues who joined me yesterday, Mr. Speaker, in North Carolina's First Congressional District. A special election, as well as a primary election, were conducted. The special election was conducted for the purpose of electing a candidate to fill the unexpired term of our friend, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Ballance), who previously resigned.

□ 1730

G.K. BUTTERFIELD, a long-time politico, well known in North Carolina, was elected to that post yesterday. Mr. BUTTERFIELD served with distinction as a member, Mr. Speaker, of the Superior Court in North Carolina; and finally, with 2 years as a sitting member, as a jurist on the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, I know I join you and my colleagues in extending a warm welcome to G.K. BUTTERFIELD to the people's House.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) from North Carolina's Fourth Congressional District.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that we welcome our newest Member, G.K. BUTTERFIELD.

George Kenneth BUTTERFIELD's roots run deep in eastern North Carolina. He is the product of the Wilson County Public Schools. He interrupted his college career at North Carolina Central University to serve in the United States Army. He returned a few years later, went on to law school.

His career in private law practice spanned 15 years before he was elected to the Superior Court in 1988. Governor Easley appointed Justice BUTTERFIELD, widely respected by lawyers, judges, jurors and citizens, to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 2001.

In the course of his distinguished judicial career, Mr. BUTTERFIELD has served as vice president of the North Carolina Bar and president of the Association of Black Lawyers.

He is deeply involved in his home community of Wilson, North Carolina, from his Baptist church to local job training programs and child care.

The next phase of Justice BUTTERFIELD's career will combine his commitment to public service with his