

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 521 and 522.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE WITH RESPECT TO RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING STATE OF COMPUTER SECURITY AND SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 491.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 491, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 354, nays 13, not voting 66, as follows:

[Roll No. 523]

YEAS—354

Abercrombie	Chandler	Foley
Ackerman	Chocola	Forbes
Aderholt	Clay	Fortenberry
Akin	Cleaver	Fossella
Allen	Clyburn	Fox
Andrews	Coble	Frank (MA)
Baca	Cole (OK)	Franks (AZ)
Bachus	Conaway	Frelinghuysen
Baird	Conyers	Garrett (NJ)
Baker	Cooper	Gilchrest
Baldwin	Costa	Gillmor
Barrett (SC)	Costello	Gingrey
Bartlett (MD)	Cramer	Gohmert
Bass	Crenshaw	Gonzalez
Bean	Crowley	Goodlatte
Beauprez	Cubin	Gordon
Berkley	Cuellar	Granger
Berman	Culberson	Graves
Berry	Cummings	Green (WI)
Billirakis	Cunningham	Green, Al
Bishop (GA)	Davis (AL)	Green, Gene
Bishop (NY)	Davis (CA)	Gutknecht
Bishop (UT)	Davis (IL)	Hall
Blackburn	Davis (KY)	Hart
Blunt	Davis (TN)	Hastings (FL)
Boehlert	Davis, Jo Ann	Hastings (WA)
Boehmer	Davis, Tom	Hayes
Bonilla	Deal (GA)	Hayworth
Bonner	DeGette	Hefley
Bono	Delahunt	Hergert
Boozman	DeLauro	Hersteth
Boren	DeLay	Higgins
Boustany	Dent	Hinchee
Boyd	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hinojosa
Bradley (NH)	Dicks	Hobson
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hoekstra
Brown (OH)	Doggett	Holden
Brown (SC)	Doolittle	Holt
Brown-Waite,	Doyle	Honda
Ginny	Drake	Hooley
Burgess	Dreier	Hostettler
Burton (IN)	Duncan	Hoyer
Buyer	Edwards	Hulshof
Camp	Ehlers	Hunter
Cannon	Emanuel	Hyde
Cantor	Emerson	Inglis (SC)
Capito	English (PA)	Inslee
Capps	Eshoo	Israel
Capuano	Etheridge	Issa
Cardoza	Evans	Jackson (IL)
Carnahan	Everett	Jefferson
Carson	Farr	Jenkins
Carter	Fattah	Jindal
Castle	Filner	Johnson (CT)
Chabot	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Johnson (IL)

Johnson, E. B.	Miller (MI)	Schakowsky
Johnson, Sam	Miller (NC)	Schmidt
Kanjorski	Miller, Gary	Schwartz (PA)
Kaptur	Miller, George	Schwarz (MI)
Kelly	Mollohan	Scott (GA)
Kennedy (MN)	Moore (KS)	Scott (VA)
Kildee	Moore (WI)	Sensenbrenner
Kind	Moran (KS)	Serrano
King (NY)	Murphy	Shaw
Kingston	Musgrave	Shays
Kirk	Myrick	Sherman
Kline	Nadler	Sherwood
Knollenberg	Napolitano	Shuster
Kolbe	Neugebauer	Simmons
Kucinich	Ney	Simpson
Kuhl (NY)	Northup	Skelton
Langevin	Nunes	Slaughter
Lantos	Nussle	Smith (NJ)
Larsen (WA)	Oberstar	Smith (WA)
Larson (CT)	Obey	Snyder
Latham	Ortiz	Sodrel
LaTourette	Osborne	Solis
Leach	Otter	Souder
Lee	Owens	Spratt
Levin	Pallone	Stupak
Lewis (CA)	Pastor	Sweeney
Lewis (GA)	Payne	Tancredo
Lewis (KY)	Pearce	Tanner
Linder	Pelosi	Tauscher
Lipinski	Pence	Taylor (MS)
LoBiondo	Peterson (MN)	Taylor (NC)
Lofgren, Zoe	Peterson (PA)	Thomas
Lowey	Petri	Thompson (CA)
Lucas	Pitts	Thompson (MS)
Lungren, Daniel	Platts	Thornberry
E.	Poe	Tiberi
Lynch	Pombo	Tierney
Mack	Pomeroy	Turner
Maloney	Porter	Udall (CO)
Manzullo	Price (GA)	Udall (NM)
Marchant	Pryce (OH)	Van Hollen
Markey	Putnam	Velázquez
Marshall	Radanovich	Walsh
Matheson	Rahall	Wamp
Matsui	Ramstad	Waters
McCarthy	Regula	Watson
McCaul (TX)	Rehberg	Waxman
McCollum (MN)	Reichert	Weiner
McCrery	Renzi	Weldon (FL)
McDermott	Reynolds	Weldon (PA)
McHenry	Rogers (AL)	Weller
McHugh	Rogers (MI)	Westmoreland
McIntyre	Rohrabacher	Wexler
McKinney	Ross	Whitfield
McMorris	Rothman	Wicker
McNulty	Royce	Wilson (NM)
Meehan	Ruppersberger	Wilson (SC)
Meek (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Wolf
Melancon	Ryan (WI)	Woolsey
Menendez	Sabo	Wu
Mica	Salazar	Wynn
Michaud	Sánchez, Linda	Young (AK)
Millender-	T.	Young (FL)
T.	Sanchez, Loretta	
McDonald	Saxton	
Miller (FL)		

NAYS—13

Barton (TX)	Norwood
Ferguson	Paul
Flake	Sessions
Hensarling	Shadegg
Jones (NC)	Shimkus

NOT VOTING—66

Alexander	Grijalva
Barrow	Gutierrez
Becerra	Harman
Biggett	Harris
Blumenauer	Istook
Boswell	Jackson-Lee
Boucher	(TX)
Brady (PA)	Jones (OH)
Brown, Corrine	Keller
Butterfield	Kennedy (RI)
Calvert	Kilpatrick (MI)
Cardin	King (IA)
Case	LaHood
Davis (FL)	McCotter
DeFazio	McGovern
Diaz-Balart, L.	McKeon
Engel	Meeke (NY)
Feeney	Moran (VA)
Ford	Murtha
Gallegly	Neal (MA)
Gerlach	Olver
Gibbons	Oxley
Goode	Pascrell

Stearns	Upton
Walden (OR)	
Pickering	
Price (NC)	
Rangel	
Reyes	
Rogers (KY)	
Ros-Lehtinen	
Roybal-Allard	
Rush	
Ryun (KS)	
Sanders	
Schiff	
Smith (TX)	
Stark	
Strickland	
Sullivan	
Terry	
Tiahrt	
Towns	
Visclosky	
Wasserman	
Schultz	
Watt	

□ 1920

Mr. BUYER and Mr. DELAY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, personal reasons require my absence from legislative business today, Monday, October 17, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on approving the Journal (rollcall No. 521); "yea" on H. Res. 457, recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry (rollcall No. 522); "yea" on H. Res. 491, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the U.S. (rollcall No. 523).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably was absent from votes this evening due to commitment in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 521 on approving the previous days Journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 522, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 457 recognizing National Chemistry Week; and "yea" on rollcall No. 523, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 491, recognizing National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3954

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) be removed from H.R. 3954.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEUGEBAUER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from South Dakota?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 17, 2005.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 17, 2005, at 4:42 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President consistent with the Trade Act of 2002 whereby he notifies the Congress of his intention to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with the Sultanate of Oman.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

GERASIMOS VANS,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE SULTANATE OF OMAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-60)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2105(a)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 2002, (Public Law 107-210) (the "Trade Act"), I am pleased to notify the Congress of my intention to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Sultanate of Oman.

The Agreement will generate export opportunities for U.S. companies, farmers, and ranchers, help create jobs in the United States, and help American consumers save money while offering them more choices. Entering into an FTA with Oman will build on the FTAs that we already have with Israel, Jordan, and Morocco, as well as the FTA that we have concluded with Bahrain, and will be an important step on the path to fulfilling my vision of developing economic growth and democracy in the Middle East and creating a U.S.—Middle East Free Trade Area (MEFTA) by 2013.

Consistent with the Trade Act, I am sending this notification at least 90 days in advance of signing the FTA. My Administration looks forward to working with the Congress in developing appropriate legislation to approve and implement this Agreement.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 17, 2005.

ON THE IRAQ VOTE

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the Washington Post has done it again for us. They ran an article on the retirement of Turkey's ambassador to the United States, and I was struck by a comment that the ambassador made regarding Iraq and our efforts to reshape that country in the Middle East.

This is what he said: "Pessimism debilitates you. Don't ignore the facts, but be optimistic. Some of the apparent clumsiness is democracy in the making." Democracy in the making.

Mr. Speaker, too many in this body and in the media have fed the pessimism. Those of us standing with the President and our military in Iraq are not playing Pollyanna on this. We know it is going to be a tough, tough endeavor. But we believed and we still believe that failing to act was a poor long-term solution to the fundamental crisis of terrorism that exists in the Middle East.

Today, we should all take a moment and praise our troops, our leadership, and the Iraqi people for voting on a constitution last Saturday. Nearly 63 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot. That is tremendous, and it should be cause for celebration both here and around the world.

Again, to quote the ambassador, "Pessimism debilitates you." Let us celebrate this success.

STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, illegal immigration is a huge concern to the vast majority of Americans. Some States are welcoming illegal aliens with driver's licenses, in-State college tuition, and access to social services. One has to wonder how can this be. It appears to many that we are rewarding those that break the laws.

Whoever said crime does not pay must not have been talking about those who enter our country illegally. Crossing the border illegally is a criminal act; however, we give these people access to everything you can imagine. Lax enforcement of our immigration policies is making every day payday for illegal aliens.

States other than Texas, Arizona, and California are now more burdened than ever picking up the tab for illegal aliens, with Georgia, my home State, ranking in the top 10 with illegal alien populations.

Hospitals and others are being forced to scrape the bottom of the barrel to look for money, money that should be spent on American citizens and those here legally.

Mr. Speaker, not tomorrow, not the day after that, not next week, not next month, but today, today is the time to stop illegal immigration. H.R. 3693 will do just that.

IRAQ ELECTION ON CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the 48th Brigade and the 3rd Infantry Division, I have thousands of constituents in Iraq. I look each day, as most Americans do, for good news to come from that area of the world; and good news did come this weekend with their unprecedented election.

This election, which had a lot of high stakes, will hopefully, when the tally is counted, ratify their constitution, which so many have worked on in the international community for so long.

The election itself, though, was a great success, with an over-60 percent turnout. In over 6,000 different polling places, violence was absent. Compare that to the June election, when there

was a lot more absence and a lot less participation. This Saturday was a success.

Even the Sunni population, the minority population that has a lot of apprehension about this constitution, showed up in record numbers. And, remember, they boycotted the election in June.

There is a lot of progress that is happening in Iraq. I hope that this constitution does pass. I hope that the elections in December are a success. I hope that the new national government takes hold and does a great job of moving this great country to democracy.

America has made this possible, and America is standing behind our friends in Iraq.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, this evening I rise to recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Thankfully, we have made progress in raising awareness and attention of domestic violence and providing assistance to the affected victims. However, it is a problem that has not gone away.

We must not forget about these crimes that disrupt homes and destroy families. It is estimated that over 2 million acts of domestic violence take place each year here in the United States. According to a recent study in my home State of Kansas, one domestic violence act occurs every 24 minutes.

Domestic violence is an issue that affects all aspects of our society and is not bound by race, economics or age. It can be blamed for increased medical care costs, decreased productivity, and increased absence from work. Domestic violence also promotes a culture of depression, hopelessness and fear. One incidence of domestic violence can create a cycle of despair that is difficult for not only the victim but also the entire family to overcome.

In my small hometown of Plainville, Kansas, a family grieves over the loss of their daughter. Patty Kruse-Hicks, a kind, loving daughter, and a devoted mother to her three children, lost her life due to domestic violence. On April 19, 2004, the world changed forever for her family and all those who loved her. Patty is more than a statistic. Her legacy and love will live in the hearts of