

Davis (KY)	Kelly	Pryce (OH)
Davis (TN)	Kennedy (MN)	Putnam
Davis, Jo Ann	Kildee	Radanovich
Davis, Tom	Kilpatrick (MI)	Rahall
Deal (GA)	Kind	Ramstad
DeFazio	King (IA)	Rangel
DeLauro	King (NY)	Regula
Dent	Kingston	Rehberg
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kirk	Reichert
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kline	Renzi
Dicks	Kolbe	Reyes
Doolittle	Kucinich	Reynolds
Doyle	Kuhl (NY)	Rogers (AL)
Drake	LaHood	Rogers (KY)
Dreier	Langevin	Rogers (MI)
Duncan	Larson (CT)	Rohrabacher
Edwards	Latham	Ros-Lehtinen
Ehlers	LaTourette	Ross
Emanuel	Leach	Rothman
Emerson	Levin	Roybal-Allard
English (PA)	Lewis (CA)	Royce
Eshoo	Lewis (KY)	Ruppersberger
Etheridge	Linder	Ryan (OH)
Everett	LoBiondo	Ryan (WI)
Farr	Lofgren, Zoe	Ryun (KS)
Fattah	Lucas	Salazar
Ferguson	Lungren, Daniel	Sanders
Fitzpatrick (PA)	E.	Schiff
Flake	Manzullo	Schmidt
Foley	Marchant	Schwartz (PA)
Forbes	Marshall	Schwarz (MI)
Fossella	Matheson	Scott (GA)
Foxx	Matsui	Scott (VA)
Franks (AZ)	McCarthy	Sensenbrenner
Frelinghuysen	McCaul (TX)	Serrano
Gallely	McCollum (MN)	Sessions
Garrett (NJ)	McCotter	Shadegg
Gerlach	McCrery	Shaw
Gibbons	McGovern	Shays
Gilchrest	McHenry	Sherman
Gillmor	McHugh	Sherwood
Gingrey	McIntyre	Shimkus
Gohmert	McKeon	Shuster
Gonzalez	McKinney	Simmons
Goode	McMorris	Skelton
Goodlatte	Meehan	Smith (NJ)
Gordon	Meek (FL)	Smith (WA)
Granger	Meeke (NY)	Snyder
Graves	Melancon	Sodrel
Green (WI)	Mica	Spratt
Green, Al	Michaud	Stark
Green, Gene	Millender-	Stearns
Gutierrez	McDonald	Strickland
Gutknecht	Miller (FL)	Sullivan
Hall	Miller (MI)	Sweeney
Harman	Miller, Gary	Tancredo
Harris	Mollohan	Tanner
Hart	Moore (KS)	Tauscher
Hastings (WA)	Moore (WI)	Taylor (NC)
Hayes	Moran (KS)	Terry
Hayworth	Murphy	Thomas
Hefley	Murtha	Thompson (CA)
Hensarling	Musgrave	Thompson (MS)
Herger	Myrick	Thornberry
Herseth	Neugebauer	Tiahrt
Higgins	Ney	Tiberi
Hinojosa	Northup	Tierney
Hobson	Norwood	Turner
Hoekstra	Nunes	Udall (CO)
Holden	Nussle	Udall (NM)
Holt	Oberstar	Upton
Hooley	Ortiz	Van Hollen
Hostettler	Osborne	Visclosky
Hoyer	Pallone	Walden (OR)
Hulshof	Paul	Walsh
Hunter	Payne	Wamp
Inglis (SC)	Pearce	Watt
Inslie	Pence	Weiner
Issa	Peterson (MN)	Weldon (PA)
Jackson (IL)	Peterson (PA)	Weller
Jenkins	Petri	Westmoreland
Jindal	Pickering	Wexler
Johnson (CT)	Pitts	Wicker
Johnson (IL)	Platts	Wilson (NM)
Johnson, Sam	Poe	Wilson (SC)
Jones (NC)	Pomeroy	Wolf
Kanjorski	Porter	Wu
Kaptur	Price (GA)	Young (AK)
Keller	Price (NC)	Young (FL)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—27

Buyer	Feeney	Istook
Cardoza	Ford	Jefferson
Davis (IL)	Fortenberry	Kennedy (RI)
DeLay	Hinchev	Knollenberg
Evans	Hyde	Mack

Moran (VA)	Saxton	Weldon (FL)
Oxley	Simpson	Whitfield
Pombo	Smith (TX)	Woolsey
Sanchez, Loretta	Souder	Wynn

□ 1128

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 138 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call no. 138 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 2006, I was absent for the following procedural votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 137, on motion to adjourn, "nay";

Rollcall No. 138, on motion to adjourn, "nay."

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5122, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members that Mr. COLE of Oklahoma has 24 minutes remaining and Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York has 28 minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, every day the thousands of men and women who are based in the United States and elsewhere protect our borders, defend our national security, and ensure our peace of mind. Many of them have been deployed around the world, to Iraq and elsewhere. They have performed their duties with honor and I want them to know that we have the highest regard and respect for them.

□ 1130

The men and women of our Armed Forces have entered into a sacred covenant with this Nation. They have pledged to place their lives on the line for us, and in return, we have promised to give them the tools they need to fulfill their promise and the respect worthy of someone willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

The underlying legislation for this rule represents the embodiment of our commitment to the troops, and while I know the overall bill enjoys bipartisan support, including mine, I must point out that this morning I believe the leadership of this body has betrayed that covenant.

It seems that just 1 week after passing a so-called reform bill with no teeth, the majority is back to their same old tricks, arrogantly preventing debate and consideration of critical measures that improve the bill and the lives of the people serving this Nation.

They even prevented the distinguished ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, Mr. SKELTON, from offering an amendment to his own defense bill. The Skelton amendment would have prevented the copays for medication for our military and their families from going up, which they will if this bill is passed without the Skelton amendment, but the Republican leadership refused to make it in order.

For those Americans who are not familiar with the Rules Committee, and I expect that is most of them, and how it works, what that effectively means is that a select few in the Republican leadership have decided what the entire Congress and the entire Nation and what the men and women in uniform will get. They decided that on their own, without even a vote on the House floor, without the debate and consideration of this full body.

Given the rhetoric we hear on this floor every day about the troops and how important they are, I feel compelled to ask my friends in the majority to justify how in less than 24 hours after they approved \$70 billion in tax cuts for the wealthy, how they could refuse to allow us to even consider a measure to improve the health care of our troops and their families. We owe our troops more respect than this.

It is for similar reasons that many of my Democratic colleagues and I are concerned with section 590 of this bill. The section removes a long-standing requirement in our military code that requires chaplains to exhibit a level of tolerance, compassion and understanding towards the religious diversity of the soldiers to whom they administer counsel. Can you imagine that, Mr. Speaker? We are taking away the idea that they should serve with tolerance, compassion and understanding; it was too inflammatory.

I should say, Mr. Speaker, that I am confident our chaplains have both the sense and the respect for their fellow soldiers to do this and to do it willingly. But why would this majority lower that standard and expect anything less from our chaplains, as they clearly do?

We have soldiers of every faith and no faith fighting for us under the American flag. They all deserve our respect, particularly in moments of great despair or need. Is this majority so arrogant as to suggest that they should micromanage how a chaplain administers faith on a battlefield? I can think of few things more offensive or absurd.

My friend, Mr. ISRAEL, offered an amendment to the bill that would have corrected the problem, restoring the requirement that all chaplains demonstrate sensitivity, respect and tolerance, but Mr. ISRAEL's amendment was tossed out the window, along with common sense on this issue. It has been forbidden by the leadership from even being considered on the floor today.

As was an amendment from Representatives TIERNEY and LEACH which