

(g) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 502 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking the first subsection (h), relating to infrastructure investment needs reports beginning with the report for January 31, 1999.

(2) Section 5512(a)(2) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1829) is amended by striking “PROGRAM APPRECIATION.—” and inserting “PROGRAM APPLICATION.—”.

SEC. 15. RESEARCH TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH GRANTS.—Section 5506(e)(5)(C) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “\$2,225,000” and inserting “\$2,250,000”.

(b) UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH FUNDING.—Section 5101(a)(4) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1779) is amended by striking “\$69,700,000” and all that follows through “2009” and inserting “\$40,400,000 for fiscal year 2005, \$76,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2008, and \$78,900,000 for fiscal year 2009”.

SEC. 16. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION.

(a) DEFINITION OF HAZMAT EMPLOYEES.—Section 7102(2) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1982) is amended—

(1) by striking “(3)(A)” and inserting “(3)”;

(2) in subparagraph (A) by striking “clause (i)” and inserting “clause (i) of subparagraph (A)”;

(3) in subparagraph (B) by striking “clause (ii)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)(ii)”.

(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 5103a(g)(1)(B)(ii) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “Act” and inserting “subsection”.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—Section 7124(3) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1908) is amended by inserting “the first place it appears” before “and inserting”.

(d) SECTION HEADING.—Section 5128 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking the section designation and heading and inserting the following:

“§ 5128. Authorization of appropriations”.

(e) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The analysis for chapter 57 of title 49, United States Code, is amended in the item relating to section 5701 by striking “Transportation” and inserting “transportation”.

(f) NORMAN Y. MINETA RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT.—Section 5(b) of the Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Improvement Act (49 U.S.C. 108 note; 118 Stat. 2427) is amended by inserting “(including delegations by the Secretary of Transportation)” after “All orders”.

SEC. 17. RESCISSION.

Section 10212 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1937) is amended by striking “\$8,543,000,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$8,713,000,000”.

SEC. 18. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; except that the amendments made by this Act (other than sections 8, 11(m), and 12) to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59) and the amendment made by section 13(a) of this Act shall take effect simultaneously with the enactment of the Safe, Account-

able, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. For purposes of all Federal laws, the amendments made by this Act (other than sections 8, 11(m), and 12) to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users shall be treated as being included in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users at the time of the enactment of such Act, and the provisions of such Act (including the amendments made by such Act) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) that are amended by this Act (other than sections 8, 11(m), and 12) shall be treated as not being enacted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alaska.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5689.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5689 amends the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users, or SAFETEA-LU, to make technical corrections. This bill was introduced by myself, Mr. JIM OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Mr. PETER DEFAZIO of Oregon and Mr. PETRI from Wisconsin, who worked together on the development and passage of SAFETEA-LU authorization bill last year.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is necessary because the technical corrections included in this bill have been identified by the Department of Transportation and are mostly of a conforming nature, or correct drafting errors. The most important correction we are making is the strengthening of the Federal highway research program by ensuring the continuation of legacy research programs carried out by the Department of Transportation. This bill has been scored by CBO and has no budgetary impact.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

This legislation simply corrects a number of oversights and drafting errors, technical mistakes made in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

It does a number of things, clarifying the sense of Congress concerning Buy America requirements and the Federal aid bridge program. It addresses errors made in the research program funding

calculations, the Future Strategic Highway Research Program, University Transportation Center Program and the biennial Conditions and Performance Report, and it modifies the Repeat Intoxicated Driver Law to allow for use of ignition interlock devices.

These are technical matters that we have both agreed on, need to be adjusted. They do not result in any increase of cost over the original bill as passed.

I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

Mr. DEFAZIO. I thank the ranking member. I thank the chairman for bringing this bill forward with such dispatch.

The bill, as the chairman has stated, has no budgetary impact. It makes other technical corrections, particularly going to those where we research the future needs and the condition of our interstate system, which will be vital for future transportation initiatives.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5689.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, THE CAROLINA HURRICANES, ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2006 STANLEY CUP FINALS

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 881) congratulating the National Hockey League Champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, on their victory in the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. Res. 881

Whereas on Monday, June 19, 2006, in Raleigh, North Carolina, the Carolina Hurricanes won the National Hockey League (NHL) Stanley Cup with a 3-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers in the decisive seventh game of the championship series;

Whereas the Edmonton Oilers proved worthy opponents and should be congratulated for a hard-fought Stanley Cup series;

Whereas the Hurricanes' win marked their first Stanley Cup title in franchise history;

Whereas the Hurricanes' win marked the first major professional sports championship won by a team from the State of North Carolina;

Whereas owner Peter Karmanos and general manager Jim Rutherford have created a model franchise, assembling a team that rose

from last place three years ago to the pinnacle of its sport today;

Whereas the Hurricanes were ably led by head coach Peter Laviolette, also the head coach of the 2006 United States Olympic team, and assistant coaches Kevin McCarthy, Jeff Daniels, and Greg Stefan;

Whereas Hurricanes team members Craig Adams, Kevyn Adams, Anton Babchuk, Rod Brind'Amour, Erik Cole, Mike Commodore, Matt Cullen, Martin Gerber, Bret Hedican, Andrew Hutchinson, Frantisek Kaberle, Andrew Ladd, Chad LaRose, Mark Recchi, Eric Staal, Cory Stillman, Oleg Tverdokvsky, Josef Vasicek, Niclas Wallin, Aaron Ward, Cam Ward, Doug Weight, Glen Wesley, Ray Whitney, and Justin Williams are all worthy of praise and admiration for their contributions to the resilient championship team;

Whereas Cam Ward, the Hurricanes' goalkeeper and a 22-year-old rookie, was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player of the NHL post-season;

Whereas the Hurricanes' championship run and intense Stanley Cup series have reinvigorated professional hockey following the 2004-2005 lockout and lost season;

Whereas the Carolina Hurricanes represent a new future for the NHL, introducing hockey to additional regions of the country and creating new fans of the sport's high level of athleticism and competition;

Whereas the entire Hurricanes organization has contributed considerably to the community it represents, generously donating time and resources to a variety of charitable and educational programs for children throughout the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas Raleigh, the Triangle region, and all of North Carolina are proud of the accomplishment and dedication of the Carolina Hurricanes' team, organization, and fans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulate the National Hockey League Champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, on their victory in the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SCHMIDT) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he needs on this resolution to the gentleman from the State of North Carolina (Mr. COBLE).

Mr. COBLE. I thank the gentlelady from Ohio for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I inevitably and innocently likely will omit some cities. But when I think hockey I think Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, and, of course, the entire country of Canada.

So how do we explain the success of the Carolina Hurricanes?

Two weeks ago, I asked my good friend, Congressman ED MARKEY, the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts, his thoughts about our Hurricanes. In this tone of voice, he replied, "unbelievable."

But I say to ED and all others who reside beyond the confines of Tobacco Road, very believable today as the revered Stanley cup is proudly displayed in North Carolina.

And what an exciting Stanley cup series. The Edmonton Oilers regular season record was not that impressive.

But the Oilers play-off record was impressive indeed. And the final seven games, Mr. Speaker, were exercises in international diplomacy as the Oiler fans and the Hurricane fans enthusiastically sang Oh Canada and the Star Spangled Banner with obvious pride prior to the commencement of each match.

Carolina hockey came to be known as redneck hockey, and our fans were superb.

I know virtually knowing nothing about hockey, Mr. Speaker, but I have become a full-fledged hockey fan. Strike that. I have become a full-fledged redneck hockey fan.

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Last evening and today I met with Canadian friends who were visiting Washington, and Mr. PRICE, I say to you that they said for us not to become too comfortable with that Stanley Cup. My Canadian friends said that cup is destined to go north.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge that the Hurricanes' outstanding goalie is an Edmontonian. So it is all in the family. I may drive 95 miles next year, Mr. Speaker, just to see a match or a game, whatever it is called, but meanwhile, best wishes and congratulations to the Carolina Hurricanes 2006 Stanley Cup champions.

And I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield 3 minutes to one of the proud sons of North Carolina and a sponsor of this legislation, Representative David Price.

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to honor the Carolina Hurricanes, the proud winners of an outstanding seven-game Stanley Cup series with the Edmonton Oilers.

You know, the skeptics said that hockey would never work in North Carolina. Who would ever watch this northern sport in a southern city? Even if some small crowd showed up, could they even follow the rules of the game? Some doubted we could put ice to any purpose beyond cooling sweet tea.

Well, I stand here this evening to report that those early skeptics were wrong. Hockey has found a welcome home along Tobacco Road. Although I represent a constituency that I have to admit is more familiar with Tar Heels and Blue Devils, and the Wolfpack, we North Carolinians have found another winter sport in which to place our pride. We are proud of the Hurricanes and the Stanley Cup they have brought to our State.

We are proud of Cam Ward, the 22-year-old rookie goalkeeper who was recognized as the post-season most valuable player. Also veterans like Rod Brind'Amour, Glen Wesley, and Bret Hedican, who played a combined 49 NHL seasons before winning the Stan-

ley Cup. We celebrate every team member as well as Coach Peter Laviolette and the rest of the Hurricanes' management and staff.

We are proud of the newfound energy and excitement that the Hurricanes have brought to their sport following that 2004-2005 lockout and the lost season. The thrilling championship run gave fans everywhere a chance and a reason to celebrate hockey again while also introducing many to the sport for the first time.

We are proud of how this team gives back to the community, generously donating time and resources to several charitable organizations across the State. The Hurricanes' Kids 'n Community Foundation serves my district by funding scholarships and youth sports and the arts and educational and children's health programs.

And of course, we are proud of the first major professional sports championship won by a team from North Carolina. This team's outstanding achievement and the dedication of their loyal fans have electrified Raleigh and the Triangle and our entire State.

So as the proud Representative of their home district, I offer my congratulations to the Carolina Hurricanes, winner of the Stanley Cup and the 2006 National Hockey League Champions. Go Canes.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 881, offered by the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE), congratulates the National Hockey League Champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, on their victory in the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals.

On their way to their second Stanley Cup appearance in four seasons, the Hurricanes notched an impressive 55-22-8 regular season record, second best in the Eastern Conference. Carolina boasted the best home record in the league, experiencing record crowds at the RBC Center, the loudest house in the NHL. Four Carolina players recorded 30 goal seasons, led by emerging superstar Eric Staal, who finished seventh in the NHL with 100 points. As for the team's last line of defense, Martin Gerber set a franchise record for goaltender wins in a season.

The team's depth was instrumental as well as their success was a testament to the character of its players and the "whatever it takes" mentality that permeated the locker room. Rookies and all-stars lined up side by side, playing key roles in the Hurricanes' run to respectability. Through the myriad of injuries, General Manager Jim Rutherford and Head Coach Peter Laviolette mixed and matched players as well as lines and pairings, shocking the Hockey Nation as Carolina stayed atop the Southeast Division standings. Knocking off the Montreal Canadiens, the New Jersey Devils, and Buffalo Sabres along the way, the Hurricanes returned home to beat the Edmonton Oilers with a score of 3-1 and claimed the

first NHL championship in their franchise history.

I urge all Members to come together and commend the hard work and perseverance of the Carolina Hurricanes by adopting House Resolution 881.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is now my pleasure to yield 3 minutes to another favorite son of North Carolina, who probably didn't play much hockey but who in all likelihood delighted many North Carolinians on the basketball court, Representative BOB ETHERIDGE.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues from North Carolina in congratulating the Carolina Hurricanes on winning the Stanley Cup.

And, yes, Mr. DAVIS, I did not play any hockey and know very little about the rules. I played with a much bigger ball, one that bounced a little bit rather than one that slides.

As has already been stated, in an exciting seven-game series, the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Edmonton Oilers to win the Stanley Cup. And as has been stated, the win is truly unprecedented for North Carolina. Not only is it the first time the Hurricanes have won the Stanley Cup, but it really is the first time that any professional sports team from North Carolina has won a championship.

North Carolinians are not only proud of how well the Canes played on the ice, we are proud of their sportsmanship that they displayed throughout the playoffs and really throughout the season. The Canes truly are a class act, and North Carolinians are proud to call them our own.

They give back to the community. It is amazing on Saturdays to see the number of young children grabbing their hockey sticks and going out to practice, and the Canes help with that.

Mr. Speaker, let the record show that hockey is here to stay in North Carolina. In less than a decade, in 1997, when the Hartford Whalers relocated to North Carolina, many of our northern friends questioned whether our fine southern State could support a hockey team. Well, Mr. Speaker, we sure proved that we could. Not only did the Carolina Hurricanes win the Stanley Cup, but we sold out every single game of the playoffs. Hockey is right up there with barbecue and beach music in terms of popularity in the Old North State. North Carolinians are proud of our Hurricanes, and as you have already heard, we cannot wait until next season.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield 3 minutes to another son of North Carolina, Representative MIKE MCINTYRE.

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution

881, legislation congratulating the new National Hockey League Champions, the Carolina Hurricanes. Many thanks to my colleague, Mr. PRICE, for introducing this bill.

The 2006 Stanley Cup champions exemplify the qualities of a true team: dedication, determination, perseverance and professionalism; dedication to the pursuit of victory, determination to get the job done, perseverance never to stop, and the professionalism to play fairly and with honor and dignity.

Both the Hurricanes and their worthy opponents, the Edmonton Oilers, displayed in these Stanley Cup Finals exactly what hockey should be: energy and enthusiasm and excellence. The veteran leadership of Rod Brind'Amour, the youth and vigor of Erik Staal, the unexpected return of Eric Cole, and the rising talent of Cam Ward led the Hurricanes to capturing their first title in history.

And what a thrilling series in the Stanley Cup Finals. From the dramatic come-from-behind victory in the opening game through the final moments of a tense thriller in the last game. This was not just a win for the Hurricanes but also a great victory for all of North Carolina. Our State's first major league sports championship came in an unexpected form in a region known for its basketball. Hockey has found a home in the south, and the Carolina Hurricanes are here to stay. And their charity is also exemplified by Mike Commodore, who allowed his curly hair and beard to be clipped and shaved by fans who gave almost \$15,000 for cancer research, which was done through the Jimmy V Celebrity Junior Golf Classic.

Throughout the years, the Stanley Cup has had the names of many of hockey's greats etched into its history, and today the U.S. House of Representatives congratulates the Carolina Hurricanes for joining this elite group.

This newspaper headline from a special edition of the Raleigh News & Observer says it all, that the "Canes Reign." And, indeed, it has been a season of memories and one for the history books and one that we all look forward to having many more moments of Hurricane success. I say congratulations to the Carolina Hurricanes.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to close.

I had the good fortune on this past Saturday night to run into and spend some time with Dr. John Hope Franklin, one of the legendary historians of our time. And, of course, he, too, was talking about hockey, I think, which sort of is an indication of how widespread interest there is and it has become relative to North Carolina's winning the Stanley Cup.

You see, Mr. Speaker, the Stanley Cup is a trophy awarded to the winners of the annual National Hockey League playoffs. It is one of the most recognized symbols in North American

sports, and it is at the center of several legends and superstitions. The Stanley Cup is treated like royalty, attended to by full-time chaperones who wear white gloves to carry it.

Unlike the trophies awarded by the other three major professional sports leagues of North America, the Stanley Cup is never kept. The Stanley Cup winners keep it for only 1 year unless they repeat as league champions. It is also the only trophy in professional sports that has the name of every member of the winning team engraved upon it.

The Carolina Hurricanes, based in Raleigh, North Carolina, will have the honor of keeping the Stanley Cup for the next year. The franchise won its first Stanley Cup title in its 26 years in existence using grit, togetherness and a rookie goalie who unexpectedly carried his team on the ride of their lives. The Carolina Hurricanes did what most deemed impossible when the season started; they won the Stanley Cup in a game seven showdown against Canadian hockey royalty. The Hurricanes worked hard for home ice all season, and it paid off when 22-year-old Cam Ward turned back the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 to win the Conn Smythe trophy as the post-season's most valuable player.

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The Carolina Hurricanes are the second consecutive Southeast Division team to defeat a Northwest Division team in post-season play. The Tampa Bay Lightning during the 2003-2004 season, like the Hurricanes, defeated a team from the Northwest Division.

Congratulations to the players, coaches and North Carolina for winning the Stanley Cup. I know that Representative BRAD MILLER had intended to be here to also add his congratulations, so on his behalf, and not only on behalf of all North Carolinians, but on behalf of all of us in America, we congratulate this outstanding franchise for a job well done.

I urge passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the hometown pride has been well received with the Hurricanes. At the beginning of the season, they dreamed the impossible dream, and they captured it. I believe that we as this body deserve no less than to recognize them for their effort.

I urge all Members to support the adoption of House Resolution 881.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the winners of this year's National Hockey League Championship—the Carolina Hurricanes.

The team's Stanley Cup victory last Monday night ended a seven-game championship series versus the Edmonton Oilers, and wrapped up a fantastic season with North Carolina's first major professional sports title.

I congratulate Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos, general manager Jim Rutherford,

coach Peter Laviolette, team captain Rod Brind'Amour and all of the team's players, veterans and rookies alike, on their hard-earned success.

The team's 3–1 win in Game 7 of this year's Stanley Cup finals was proof that hard work pays off.

After years of losses and the trials involved in the team's move to North Carolina, the Hurricanes have conquered the world of hockey by winning the most famous trophy in the world of sports.

Despite hockey's short history in our region and sparse crowds in the team's early years on the ice, I have been amazed at how lovingly the people of North Carolina have embraced the former Hartford Whalers once they became the Hurricanes and owner Peter Karmanos moved the team to our state in 1997.

I am amazed that so many people in eastern North Carolina, who, like me, were not familiar with the sport of hockey, have grown to love the sport because of the Hurricanes.

Even in the town where I live, 68 miles East of Raleigh, I see countless cars flying the Hurricanes flag throughout the hockey season.

North Carolina residents, well-known fans of college basketball and NASCAR, have warmly embraced the sport of hockey by catching Hurricanes fever.

These athletes have become an integral part of their communities by actively involving themselves in the communities where they live.

For this, they have gained the respect and admiration of their North Carolina neighbors and fans.

When I go to a game, I am always so impressed by how many families I see cheering together for the Hurricanes, who we have welcomed into our communities and into the North Carolina family.

Their hard work, talent, and teamwork have been an incredible gift to loyal fans across the state.

There is a saying that a successful team beats with one heart.

Now, Mr. Speaker, with the team's Stanley Cup victory, it is without a doubt that the Carolina Hurricanes beat with one heart—the heart of a champion.

I am proud that the Hurricanes call North Carolina home and I congratulate their hard-earned success.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SCHMIDT) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 883.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

BENEDICT ARNOLD PRESS?

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, we are fighting a war on terror, and now we are being told we are battling the press as well. The United States has rooted out terror on a global scale. They have also gotten unprecedented help from other countries and international banking institutions to seek out accounts used for al Qaeda money laundering, because without a supply of money, the terrorists have no fuse to light.

Now the New York Times has apparently detailed that security program to the entire world, and we find ourselves pondering what to do when the press willingly reveals national security secrets to terrorists.

Prior to World War II, the United States had broken the Japanese military communications codes. A journalist published a book revealing this classified information, so right before the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese changed their codes so the United States was unaware of this invasion.

In 1950, a law was passed making releasing such classified information a crime. If the New York Times has violated this law by becoming the Benedict Arnold press, they need to be held accountable. Not even a journalist from the Times has the right to violate the law just to get a byline.

And that's just the way it is.

REAUTHORIZE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT NOW

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand partly the continued reasoning for the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and I encourage my colleagues from Georgia and Texas to recognize that the vestiges of discrimination still require this particular initiative to be authorized and do so immediately.

This is a Supreme Court decision in the League of United Latin American Citizens versus the Governor of Texas. Specifically it says against this background, the Latinos' diminishing electoral support indicates their belief that the person was unresponsive to the particularized needs of the members of the minority group. In essence, the State took away the Latino's opportunity because Latinos were about to exercise it. This bears the mark of intentional discrimination that could give rise to an Equal Protection violation. The Voting Rights Act protects those from

discrimination and protects their right to vote.

Although this opinion gives a reckless aspect to midterm redistricting, which I hope we can correct legislatively, it does reaffirm the value, the importance and the sanctity of the Voting Rights Act in encouraging and protecting all Americans' rights to vote.

I ask my colleagues to read this opinion for a better understanding of why the Voting Rights Act is an effective civil rights initiative that should be reauthorized.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

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

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HOUSE RECYCLING CAUCUS

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of Mr. DEFAZIO.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Members of the other body, Mrs. SNOWE of Maine and Mr. CARPER of Delaware, for forming the Senate Recycling Caucus. Their effort compliments the prior formation of the House Recycling Caucus, which I was proud to establish with the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. GILLMOR.

I would suggest that the House and Senate Recycling Caucuses work together on issues facing the recycling industry in the United States. I would also like to urge my colleagues here in the House to join our respective caucuses.

When most of us think of recycling, we think either of the bright blue bins in our offices, or of collecting cans, bottles and newspapers at home. As important as municipal recycling is to our country, however, it represents just the tip of the iceberg of the \$30 billion-plus manufacturing industry that employs over 1.1 million Americans.

Most of us are probably also unaware that recyclables is one of our country's largest export commodities and are