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Schiff	Stupak	Schultz
Schwartz (PA)	Tanner	Waters
Scott (GA)	Tauscher	Watson
Scott (VA)	Thompson (CA)	Watt
Serrano	Thompson (MS)	Waxman
Shays	Tierney	Weiner
Sherman	Towns	Wexler
Slaughter	Udall (CO)	Woolsey
Smith (WA)	Udall (NM)	Wu
Snyder	Van Hollen	Wynn
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ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 902) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 902

Resolved, that the following Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Bilbray.

Committee on Government Reform: Mr. Bilbray.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Bilbray.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, last night and earlier today I was in New Jersey, where thousands of my constituents have been affected by serious flooding, and I was absent on some rollcall votes. I missed rollcall vote 340. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 341, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On 342, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On 343, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call vote 344, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call vote 345, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call vote 346, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On 347, I would have voted "no."

On 348, I would have voted "no."

And had I been present on rollcall 349, I would have voted "yes."

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 3, 2006

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, July 3, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 440, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business

in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES TO HAVE UNTIL NOON, JULY 7, 2006, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2990, CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY RELIEF ACT OF 2005

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Financial Services have until noon on Friday, July 7, 2006, to file a report on H.R. 2990.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4761, DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF 2006

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 4761, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-referencing and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING MRS. FRANCIS MARY MCHIE RAINS

(Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and distinguished career of Francis Mary McHie Rains for her important contributions to society, especially women and African Americans. Ms. McHie Rains, the eldest of three children, was born to John and Hermina McHie in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 29, 1911. After high school she attempted to enroll at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, but she was denied admission because of her color. Ms. McHie Rains successfully petitioned the legislature to become one of the first African-American women to be accepted to the school and she graduated in 1932.

Ms. McHie Rains was a pioneer. She became the first African American employed at two major Midwestern hospitals before serving as assistant to the director of the School of Nursing at Meharry Medical College in Nashville where she met her future husband, Dr. Horace Rains. The couple married and

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Bishop (UT)	Everett	McHenry
Blumenauer	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Moran (KS)
Bonner	Ford	Osborne
Boyd	Gerlach	Rogers (AL)
Cannon	Green, Gene	Rush
Davis (TN)	Johnson, Sam	Sherwood
Dicks	Jones (OH)	
Evans	Kanjorski	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 357, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF AND HON. TOM DAVIS TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 10, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF and the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10, 2006.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2006.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to advise you that, effective today, I am resigning my seat on the House Committee on Armed Services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

had two children before moving to California, where they established a family medical practice in my district of Long Beach.

In 1953 Mrs. Rains became the first African American woman to teach at the School of Nursing for the University of Southern California's general hospital.

Mrs. Rains also served as a board member of the Long Beach Children's Psychiatric Clinic, the National Council of Negro Women, and the NAACP.

She was an involved member of Grant AME Church for nearly 50 years, as well as a Sunday school teacher.

During her retirement, she served as the Chair of the Long Beach Community Improvement League.

Mrs. Francis Mary McHie Rains passed away on May 21, 2006 at the age of 95 in Long Beach, California. I proudly recognize Francis Mary McHie Rains, a woman whose faith, wisdom and courage became her legacy.

I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Francis Mary McHie Rains for her important contributions to society, especially women and African Americans. Mrs. McHie Rains, the eldest of 3 children was born to John and Hermina McHie in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 29, 1911. After high school, she attempted to enroll at the University of Minnesota's School of Nursing, but she was denied admission because of her color. With the help of a State Senator and a local African-American activist and businesswoman, Mrs. McHie Rains successfully petitioned the legislature to become one of the first African-American women to be accepted to the University of Minnesota's School of Nursing and the first African American to graduate from the university in 1932.

Mrs. McHie Rains was a pioneer, as a young professional she became the first African American employed at the Minneapolis General Hospital where she served as a superior, and at the Herman Keifer Hospital in Detroit, Michigan where she was one of the 12 women who broke the color barrier at the hospital. While serving as Associate Professor and assistant to the Director of the School of Nursing at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, she met her future husband, Dr. Horace Rains. The couple married and had 2 children. They later moved to southern California where together they established a family medical practice in Long Beach.

In 1953, Mrs. Rains became the first African American woman to teach at the School of Nursing for the University of Southern California General Hospital in Los Angeles, and later became a real estate broker in 1972 and was the owner of a Century 21 franchise. Mrs. Rains served diligently as board member of the Long Beach Children's Psychiatric Clinic, the National Council of Negro Women, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP. She was an involved and long time member of Grant AME Church for nearly 50 years, as well as a Sunday school teacher. During her retirement she served as a Chair of the Board of the Long Beach Community Improvement League.

Mrs. Francis Mary McHie Rains passed away on May 21, 2006 at the age of 95 at Windsor Gardens Convalescent Center of Long Beach, California. She leaves to cherish

her memory one son, Anthony J. Rains, M.D. of Renton, Washington; a daughter, Kimberly Kerns of Houston, Texas; and 2 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rains was a woman of many firsts; she was a trailblazer and loyal servant. Those who knew and loved her will always remember her dedication to excellence and progress in her community, and as loyal and dedicated constituent of my district, I am very proud to be able to remember and celebrate her life as a part of my community.

I join with her children, family and friends in tribute to this good and faithful servant who has gone home, leaving us to humbly acknowledge the living legacy of a great educator, mentor and abundant love evident in the lives of all those she has touched. I proudly recognize Francis Mary McHie Rains, a woman of faith, courage, dedication, persistence, understanding and wisdom, for her career accomplishments over a span of 70 years as a pioneer and her contributions of service in caring for the people of our community, our Nation and the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF J.E. DUNLAP

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life the J.E. Dunlap who passed away yesterday morning. J.E. was an icon in the community of Harrison, Arkansas. As a young ambitious teenager, he was hired as a stringer for the statewide newspaper. After seeing action in World War II, J.E. returned to Harrison where he spent 50 years running the city's daily newspaper. J.E. was an accomplished newsman who won numerous accolades during his career, including two nominations for the Pulitzer Prize. A man of character and integrity, J.E. was always a fair newsman, but also one who was not afraid to tell you what was really on his mind. His energy level, enthusiasm and commitment to his community remained with him throughout his life. After retiring from the day-to-day management of the paper, J.E. continued to write three columns a week. That dedication earned him Arkansas' Older Worker of the Year Award in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Harrison will greatly miss J.E. His work ethic and devotion to community truly is representative of the Greatest Generation. The weekday coffee klatch at Coffee and More won't be the same without him.

LONE STAR VOICE—DOB CUNNINGHAM, ROUND II

(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, Americans who live on the border are victimized by criminal invaders every day and

they are fed up with it. They are tired of a weak immigration policy, but even more sick and tired of the Mexican Government trying to control American soil.

C.E. Dob Cunningham of Eagle Pass, Texas, has every right to be fed up, especially after receiving this letter from the Mexican Consulate in Mexico. It says: As an owner or occupant of property susceptible of crossings and break-ins by Mexican migrant workers, the consulate of Mexico is deeply concerned about this issue and the security of lives of migrant workers. We strongly recommend you do not take any measures into your own hands. Please be aware that it may have legal implications for yourself and the owners of these properties which may end up in expensive lawsuits and cumbersome court hearings.

Mr. Cunningham wrote back a few words and then wrote them back a second time and said, if your letter was intended to scare or intimidate us, it didn't work. Until the illegal alien problem is solved, we will continue to patrol our ranch to protect our property, our family and our freedom. C.E. Cunningham, proud American.

Let's send a message to Generalissimo Fox: we will not be scared or intimidated. In fact, Americans should sue Mexico and make Fox pay reparations for the damage his illegals do to American property by invading our country.

And that's just the way it is.

FAIR TAX—A FAIR SOLUTION

(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, I rise today to remind my colleagues what most Americans know all too well and that is that our tax system is broken. Many would say it is broken beyond repair. Our Tax Code contains over 50,000 pages of confusing, contradictory, inconsistent, and intimidating regulations. Filing a tax return often takes months of preparation and Americans spend billions of dollars getting expert assistance just filling out the forms.

But there is a solution, the FairTax. A national retail sales tax would provide common sense to the current mess. The FairTax would simplify the process and allow individuals to keep all of their hard-earned pay check and determine for themselves when they save or they spend or they invest their money. It would encourage investments, spur economic growth, and be less regressive than our current system. For far too often we have chosen to try and fix problems with our Tax Code by adding to it. It is time to start over. It is time to remove the redundancy of the Tax Code. Tear out those unneeded pages and adopt a fair plan. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 25 and deliver smart and fair tax policy for the American people.