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So the second portion of the divided question was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 425, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, MAY 31, 2007, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2446, AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM AND SECURITY SUPPORT ACT OF 2007

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Affairs may have until midnight on May 31, 2007, to file its report to accompany H.R. 2446.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COURTNEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today on a motion offered pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2007, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence on House Concurrent Resolution 158, 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 New York?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JUNE 5, 2007

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 24, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 5, 2007.

NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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

There was no objection.

VOTE ON THE WAR SUPPLEMENTAL

(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'm very proud that the actions on the House floor today reflect the attitude of a caring Nation, and so I'm very proud that we have had the opportunity now to pass out of this House for the President's signature an increase in the minimum wage; relief for small businesses; a fix for the Walter Reed debacle, and the health care for the many families and soldiers, soldiers that are returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan; and the crisis in the gulf region has been responded to by hopefully providing dollars for education and a construction of homes.

As we enter upon this weekend to memorialize the dead, I could not continue a disastrous war, and so I proudly stand as a caring American to have voted against the continuation of this war. But I say to those who are fallen and to their families, we mourn you, we respect you, and we admire your service. Together we will continue to press forward so that this war, this misdirected mission, will end.

But to our soldiers that we will honor, as we return home to our districts, we say to their families, they were victorious, they were successful, they were honorable, they are patriots, they are loved by America. May I salute you, and God bless the United States of America.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, 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 Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

DAD—AMERICAN GI

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, born in the 1920s, he grew up in the Depression of the 1930s, and like most rural American children, he grew up poor. Fresh vegetables were grown in the family garden behind the small frame house. His mother made sandwiches for school out of homemade bread. Store-bought bread, as he called it, was for the rich. He grew up belonging to the Boy Scouts, playing the trumpet in the high school band, and he went to church almost every Sunday.

In 1944, this 18-year-old country boy who had never been more than 50 miles from home finally found himself going through basic training for the United States Army at Camp Walters in Camp Walters, Texas. After that he rode the train with hundreds of other young teenage American males to New York City for the ocean trip on a cramped Liberty ship to fight in the great World War II.

As a soldier in the 7th Army, he went from France on to survive the Battle of the Bulge and through the cities of Aachen, Stuttgart, Cologne, Bonn and others. He thought General Patton was the greatest soldier that ever lived, and as a teenager, this young soldier saw the concentration camps and the victims of the Nazis. He saw incredible numbers of other teenage Americans buried in graves throughout France. One monument to those soldiers is on the cliffs at a place called Normandy.

After Germany surrendered, he went back to Ft. Hood, Texas, expecting to be reequipped for the land invasion of Japan. It was there he met his wife at a Wednesday-night prayer meeting service at church.

Until a few years ago, this GI would never talk about World War II, and he still will not say much except he does say that heroes are the ones that are buried in Europe today.

After the war, he opened a DX service station where he pumped gas, sold tires, fixed cars and began a family. Deciding he needed to go to college, he moved to west Texas and enrolled in a small Christian college called Abilene Christian College. He and his wife and his two small children lived in an old converted Army barracks with other such families. He supported his family by working nights at KRBC radio and climbing telephone poles for Ma Bell, later called Southwestern Bell.

He finished college, became an engineer and worked 40-plus years for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Houston, Texas. He turned down a promotion and a transfer to New York City because it was not Texas, and he said it was no place to raise a family.

This GI, my dad, instilled in my sister and me the values of being a neighbor to all, loving our country, loving our heritage and always just doing the right thing by all people.

He still gets mad at the Northeastern media. He flies the flag on holidays. He goes to church on Sunday, and he takes Mom out to eat every Friday night. He stands in the front yard, and he talks