

"Yea," H. Res. 453, rule providing consideration of H.R. 2446—Afghanistan Freedom and Security Act of 2007.

Amendments to H.R. 2446: "Yea," Lantos; "Yea," Ackerman; "Yea," Costa; "Yea," Franks; "Yea," Jackson-Lee: technical assistance; "Yea," Jackson-Lee: women legislators; "Yea," Kirk; "Yea," Kucinich; "Yea," Terry; "Yea," Van Hollen.

"Yea," H.R. 2446, Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007 (final passage).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for a rollcall vote on that day. Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on rollcall 426 for passage of H. Res. 397, condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia.

SENATOR PAUL SIMON STUDY
ABROAD FOUNDATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1469, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007, legislation which establishes an educational foundation to increase the number of students studying overseas in developing countries and non-traditional areas.

The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation would provide a national competition for student fellowships and also provide funds directly to colleges and universities to support their study abroad programs, enabling over one million American students to study abroad annually.

This program was first envisioned by my friend and mentor, the late Senator Paul Simon. Senator Simon had a bold vision for American renewal driven in part by international education. His vision included an understanding of diverse cultures, direct exposure to foreign languages, and increased interaction with the peoples of other nations as achieved through study abroad.

As with his other initiatives, Senator Simon worked diligently to bring his vision of international education to life. H.R. 1469 continues this legacy of education and understanding by completing that vision.

Senator Paul Simon had a life-long commitment and passion for education. As the founder and Director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, Senator Simon taught classes in journalism, political science, and history. As a scholar, he authored several books investigating the history and politics of Illinois. As a Senator, he was passionate about expanding educational opportunities to

America's youth. I am proud to have worked for Senator Simon years ago, and I am proud that we are continuing his legacy here today.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation provides excellent educational opportunities to America's students, strengthens our international relations, and promotes good will throughout the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these laudable goals by voting in favor of H.R. 1469, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007.

VETERAN'S DAY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, this poem is in tribute to Veteran's Day.

I think of your valor,
In being willing to take a stand for liberty,
I am speechless,
In light of your bravery,
I know your type,
Is not charmed, by show-offs, in the ranks,
Nonetheless
Please, lower your guard for a moment,
And hear a grateful nation's thanks,
It's not the battles you fight, it's signing the
line, saying you will.

HONORING DANIEL O. BERNSTINE

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Oregon's great higher education leaders. Daniel O. Bernstine, president of Portland State University, which is located in my district, will soon leave Oregon to become the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Law School Admissions Council.

During his ten years as president of Oregon's largest and most diverse university, Portland State University has achieved many milestones. While many refer to Dan as a builder, a fundraiser, and an inspiring leader, I know Dan to be a student-oriented university president and someone who has always worked to provide greater opportunities for people through access to higher education.

As a president who walks his talk, Dan has opened the doors of higher education to literally thousands of students. Over the past ten years, enrollment at PSU grew from 14,000 students to over 24,000 students.

Another of President Bernstine's legacies at Portland State will be the growth in faculty research. During his tenure, the University has established several national research centers, including the Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication, the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Center, and the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs. As a result of Dan's dedication to enhancing the research programs that relate directly to the economic needs of the Portland metropolitan region, Portland State's faculty research funding has grown from \$17 million in 1997 to over \$40 million this year. I think it is safe to say that Dan Bernstine has helped generate one of the largest business enterprises, through university research, in the Portland area.

Finally, I want to speak to the partnerships that President Bernstine has fostered. Chief among them is his work to connect Portland State University to the area's community colleges. He has been so successful in building connections with the community colleges that I modeled legislation (HR. 596) after the work that was done to provide students with co-enrollment in Portland State and their local community college. Again, this is another example of the incredible commitment Dan Bernstine has to ensuring student success in higher education.

Daniel O. Bernstine came to Portland, Oregon in 1997 having served as Dean of the Law School at the University of Wisconsin. I first met Dan informally—before he had formally started at Portland State. I was having dinner in Portland and overheard a conversation—Dan was excitedly describing the various wonders and attributes of Portland State and the region to his dinner guest. I later found out that he was convincing, successfully, one of his staff from the University of Wisconsin to join him at Portland State. Even before he had started his first day, he was already a tireless advocate for Portland State and the region. Since that time he has been a visionary leader for Portland State and an active member of the community. One of his most significant volunteer efforts involved chairing the Urban League where he stabilized the organization and brought fiscal accountability to the operations.

Dan Bernstine will be missed—for his work at Portland State, for his enduring leadership in the community, and for his passion for opening the doors of higher education to the community. I hope our friendship and our yearly banter over the Stanford/Berkeley games will continue when he moves to Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dan Bernstine for his contributions and in wishing him well in his new leadership opportunity.

CONGRATULATING THE PLATTSBURGH STATE WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM UPON WINNING THE 2007 DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the State University of New York at Plattsburgh (Plattsburgh State) Lady Cardinals upon winning the 2007 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey National Championship, their first national championship and the third won by Plattsburgh State in a team sport.

On March 17, 2007, Plattsburgh State, which is located in my Congressional District, won the Division III National Championship when it defeated the Middlebury College Lady Panthers by a score of 2 to 1 at the Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena in Plattsburgh, New York. In that game, Lindsay Brown and Shay Bywater scored goals for Plattsburgh State, Assistant Captain Danielle Blanchard and Lindsay Littman both added two assists, and goaltender Bree Doyle made 28 saves. Blanchard, Bywater, and Doyle and were all