

REPUBLICAN DELAY TACTICS ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I was hopeful at the beginning of this week that we were finally going to address America's homeland security needs and also increase funding for our veterans' health care by a significant amount, more than has been done, I think, in over 50 or 70 years.

But instead what we saw was a concerted effort by the Republican minority to delay every one of these appropriations bills: the Homeland Security bill that deals with our local responders, in response to 9/11, and in the case of the Military Construction and Veterans bill, they constantly delayed our efforts to move a bill that was going to increase funding and benefits for our veterans.

It really is awful to see what they've been doing all week in trying to delay and delay. If you go back to when the Republicans were in the majority, they weren't even able to pass the appropriations bills. They weren't even able to get their work done because they constantly delayed until they actually lost the election and never finished the bills.

At the same time, they keep talking about spending. Well, every year when they were in the majority the amount of Federal spending continued to go up. The Democrats finally have gotten spending under control and at the same time trying to address the fact that we have this huge Federal debt, a legacy of the Republican majority over the last 12 years.

And what do the Republicans do? They constantly try to delay. I just hope that it's over today and we don't see more efforts to delay these important bills on the part of the Republican minority.

THEODORE OTTO HERMAN HILL

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Theodore Otto Herman Hill—with a nickname of "Thunderhead" because of his fiery red hair—was my mom's father. He was born in Texas in 1899 and his grandparents were early Texas settlers from Germany.

Theodore was a cotton farmer, raised bees, and raised cattle. He married young and had three daughters that he called "the boys" who were expected to help him pick cotton.

Papa, as we called him, was a hunter, a taxidermist and a Teddy Roosevelt conservationist. He found on his land hundreds of Apache and Comanche arrowheads that he organized, and his collection will soon be turned over to the Texas Ranger Museum.

He could tell the type of tree by looking at the bark or observing the leaves.

He predicted the weather by watching the animals.

One afternoon in the 1950s while he was laying asphalt as a foreman of a work crew for the Texas Highway Department, a drunk driver broke through the barricade and killed my grandfather. I was 5 years old. My grandmother lived another 50 years after his death.

What I know of my grandfather makes me proud of my heritage.

This Father's Day we remember our fathers and grandfathers and know that a lot of good men have made us who we are today.

And that's just the way it is.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 473 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2638.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2638) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with Mr. ROSS (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Thursday, June 14, 2007, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 1 by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) had been postponed and the bill had been read through page 74, line 18.

Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment by Mr. MCHENRY of North Carolina to amendment No. 33 by Ms. FOXX of North Carolina.

Amendment No. 33 by Ms. FOXX of North Carolina, if ordered.

Amendment No. 31 by Ms. FALLIN of Oklahoma.

Amendment No. 9 by Mrs. DRAKE of Virginia.

Amendment by Mr. KING of New York.

Amendment No. 13 by Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida.

Amendment by Mr. BURGESS of Texas.

Amendment by Mr. FERGUSON of New Jersey.

Amendment by Mr. MCHENRY of North Carolina.

Amendment No. 128 by Mr. PEARCE of New Mexico.

Amendment by Mr. CARTER of Texas.

Amendment No. 98 by Mr. MCCAUL of Texas.

Amendment No. 105 by Mr. KING of Iowa.

Amendment by Mr. BILBRAY of California.

Amendment No. 99 by Mr. MCCAUL of Texas.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky.

Amendment No. 28 by Mr. POE of Texas.

Amendment by Mr. LATOURETTE of Ohio.

Amendment by Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado.

Amendment No. 7 by Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado.

Amendment by Mr. ROYCE of California.

Amendment by Mr. FORBES of Virginia.

Amendment by Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky.

Amendment No. 1 by Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MCHENRY TO
AMENDMENT NO. 33 OFFERED BY MS. FOXX

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) to the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. MCHENRY to amendment No. 33 offered by Ms. FOXX:

Strike "\$1,241,000"

Replace with "\$8,961,000"

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 108, noes 300, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 466]

AYES—108

Akin	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (IA)
Alexander	Drake	Kingston
Bachmann	Duncan	Knollenberg
Baker	Ehlers	Lamborn
Barrett (SC)	English (PA)	Mack
Bartlett (MD)	Feeney	Manzullo
Biggert	Flake	Marchant
Bilbray	Forbes	McCauley (TX)
Bishop (UT)	Fossella	McCotter
Blackburn	Fox	McCreary
Blunt	Franks (AZ)	McHenry
Boehner	Garrett (NJ)	McMorris
Boozman	Goode	Rodgers
Buchanan	Goodlatte	Mica
Burgess	Graves	Miller (FL)
Burton (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Miller, Gary
Buyer	Heller	Moran (KS)
Campbell (CA)	Hensarling	Musgrave
Cannon	Herger	Neugebauer
Cantor	Hoekstra	Nunes
Castle	Hulshof	Pearce
Chabot	Hunter	Pence
Coble	Inglis (SC)	Petri
Cole (OK)	Issa	Pitts
Conaway	Jindal	Platts
Davis, David	Johnson, Sam	Poe
Deal (GA)	Jones (NC)	Price (GA)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Jordan	Putnam