

CONGRESSIONAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, for over three decades, there has been a positive bipartisan tradition in this House to have Democratic Members of the House and former Members challenge Republican Members of the House and former Members on the battleground of the links of Andrews Air Force Base in a friendly golf tournament.

As the chairman of the Democratic golf team, I am proud to say that for the second year in a row, this week the Democrats eked out a close victory over our Republican colleagues led by Congressman ZACH WAMP. I want to pay a particular salute to my colleague, JOE BACA of California, the medalist in the tournament, who shot an even par 70. The rest of us, Madam Speaker, let me say that it's probably well advised that we not give up our day job based on our abilities on the golf links.

In this day of bipartisanship, it's, I think, rather positive to have a day where we can all get together on a bipartisan basis on the friendly links of Andrews Air Force Base golf course.

Mr. WAMP. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. EDWARDS. I would be glad to yield to the gentleman.

Mr. WAMP. I just rise as the captain of the Republican team to say that these recruiting classes that you all continue to bring to Washington are a problem for us. Hopefully, the American people will weigh in the near future and send us an athlete or two in a larger class.

But congratulations to you. There is not enough of that comity, cooperation and fellowship around here.

Monday was a great day. To the captain of the team, CHET EDWARDS, and to JOE BACA, the low man, we did our best; they played their best and deserve their victory.

Mr. EDWARDS. I want to thank the gentleman for his comments, his great sportsmanship. I should have given credit to Congressman RAHM EMANUEL for his great recruiting class this year. He did a good job and brought our team over the top, just barely.

CRIMINAL ILLEGALS ARE SET  
FREE

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

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, new Colorado State law requires local law enforcement agencies to report illegals to Immigration and Customs Enforcement authorities when those individuals are jailed for crimes. Then the Feds are to deport these criminals back to their countries after they serve their sentences, but there is a problem.

The Federal Government doesn't deport these criminals. According to a Colorado newspaper, 37 out of every 38 illegals that are convicted and are reported to ICE for deportation are just released back on the streets of those towns. What does this mean for homeland security, for citizens and law-abiding legal immigrants? It means criminal illegals, instead of being sent home by Uncle Sam, are set free to roam our communities, to continue to steal, rob and hurt people.

Colorado police are doing their job, but, once again, when it's time to ante into the pot, the Federal Government folds its hand.

Instead of our Government trying to figure out ways to keep illegals in the United States with these amnesty give-away plans, it ought to figure out ways to deport criminal illegals back to where they came from. Once again, our Government is missing in action.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIM OLIVE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since July of last year, Kim Olive has served as the communications director for the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. I am grateful to say that she has done an excellent job serving on the staff. Kim has consistently been innovative in doing her duties, and her creativity, dedication and tenacity will be difficult to replace.

Kim began her time in Washington, DC, interning for Cassidy & Associates. She then came to Capitol Hill and interned for Congressman ROY BLUNT and worked for Senator RICHARD SHELBY and Congressman SPENCER BACHUS, both of Alabama, Kim's home State. After serving the people of the Second Congressional District for nearly a year, Kim will be leaving for the west coast to work in California.

An honors graduate of the University of Alabama, Kim is one of two children of Larry and Norene Olive of Florence, Alabama. She is a credit to the people of South Carolina and Alabama, and I wish her Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 502, LEGISLATIVE  
BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2008

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 502 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 502

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pur-

suant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2771) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. During consideration in the House of H.R. 2771 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume and I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 502.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, House Resolution 502 provides for consideration of H.R. 2771, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2008, under a structured rule.

The rule provides H.R. 2771 with 1 hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration except for those arising under clause 9