

[Roll No. 584]

YEAS—379

Abercrombie Diaz-Balart, M. Knollenberg
 Ackerman Dingell Kucinich
 Aderholt Doggett Kuhl (NY)
 Akin Donnelly LaHood
 Alexander Doolittle Lamborn
 Allen Doyle Lampson
 Altmire Drake Langevin
 Andrews Dreier Larsen (WA)
 Arcuri Duncan Larson (CT)
 Bachmann Edwards (MD) Latham
 Bachus Edwards (TX) LaTourette
 Baird Ehlers Latta
 Baldwin Ellison Lewis (CA)
 Barrett (SC) Emanuel Lewis (GA)
 Barrow Emerson Lewis (KY)
 Bartlett (MD) Engel Lipinski
 Bean English (PA) LoBiondo
 Berkley Eshoo Loeb sack
 Berman Etheridge Lowey
 Berry Everrett Lucas
 Biggert Fallin Lungren, Daniel
 Bilirakis Farr E.
 Bishop (GA) Fattah Lynch
 Bishop (NY) Ferguson Mack
 Bishop (UT) Filner Mahoney (FL)
 Blumenauer Forbes Maloney (NY)
 Blunt Fortenberry Manzullo
 Boehner Fossella Marchant
 Bonner Foster Markey
 Bono Mack Foxx Marshall
 Boozman Frank (MA) Matheson
 Boren Franks (AZ) Matsui
 Boswell Frelinghuysen McCarthy (CA)
 Boucher Gallegly McCarthy (NY)
 Boustany Garrett (NJ) McCaul (TX)
 Boyd (FL) Gerlach McCollum (MN)
 Boyda (KS) Giffords McCotter
 Brady (PA) Gilchrest McDermott
 Brady (TX) Gillibrand McGovern
 Braley (IA) Gingrey McHugh
 Brown (SC) Gohmert McIntyre
 Brown, Corrine Goode McKeon
 Brown-Waite, Goodlatte McMorris
 Ginny Gordon Rodgers
 Buchanan Granger McNerney
 Burgess Graves McNulty
 Burton (IN) Green, Al Meek (FL)
 Butterfield Green, Gene Meeks (NY)
 Calvert Hall (NY) Melancon
 Camp (MI) Hall (TX) Mica
 Cannon Hare Michaud
 Cantor Hastings (FL) Miller (FL)
 Capito Hastings (WA) Miller (MI)
 Capps Hayes Miller (NC)
 Capuano Heller Miller, Gary
 Carnahan Hensarling Miller, George
 Carney Herger Mitchell
 Carson Herseth Sandlin Mollohan
 Carter Higgins Moore (KS)
 Castle Hill Moore (WI)
 Castor Hinchey Moran (KS)
 Chabot Hirono Moran (VA)
 Chandler Hobson Murphy (CT)
 Childers Hoekstra Murphy, Patrick
 Clarke Holden Murphy, Tim
 Clay Holt Musgrave
 Cleaver Honda Myrick
 Clyburn Hooley Nadler
 Cohen Hoyer Neal (MA)
 Cole (OK) Hunter Neugebauer
 Conaway Inglis (SC) Nunes
 Conyers Inslee Obey
 Cooper Israel Oliver
 Costa Issa Pallone
 Costello Jackson (IL) Pascarell
 Courtney Jackson-Lee Payne
 Crenshaw (TX) Pearce
 Crowley Jefferson Perlmutter
 Cubin Johnson (GA) Peterson (PA)
 Cuellar Johnson (IL) Petri
 Culberson Johnson, E. B. Pickering
 Cummings Jones (NC) Platts
 Davis (AL) Jordan Poe
 Davis (CA) Kagen Pomeroy
 Davis (IL) Kanjorski Porter
 Davis (KY) Kaptur Price (GA)
 Davis, David Keller Price (NC)
 Davis, Lincoln Kennedy Pryce (OH)
 Davis, Tom Kildee Putnam
 Deal (GA) Kilpatrick Radanovich
 DeFazio Kind Rahall
 DeGette King (IA) Ramstad
 Delahunt King (NY) Regula
 DeLauro Kirk Rehberg
 Dent Klein (FL) Reichert
 Diaz-Balart, L. Kline (MN) Reynolds

Richardson Sherman Towns
 Rodriguez Shimkus Tsongas
 Rogers (AL) Shuler Turner
 Rogers (KY) Shuster Udall (CO)
 Rogers (MI) Simpson Udall (NM)
 Rohrabacher Sires Upton
 Ros-Lehtinen Skelton Van Hollen
 Roskam Slaughter Visclosky
 Ross Smith (NE) Walberg
 Rothman Smith (NJ) Walden (OR)
 Royce Smith (TX) Walsh (NY)
 Ruppersberger Smith (WA) Walz (MN)
 Ryan (OH) Snyder Wamp
 Ryan (WI) Souder Waters
 Sali Space Watson
 Sánchez, Linda Speier Watt
 T. Spratt Waxman
 Sanchez, Loretta Stark Weiner
 Sarbanes Stearns Welch (VT)
 Scalise Stupak Weldon (FL)
 Schakowsky Sutton Weller
 Schiff Tancredo Wexler
 Schmidt Tanner Whitfield (KY)
 Schwartz Tauscher Wilson (NM)
 Scott (GA) Taylor Wilson (OH)
 Scott (VA) Terry Wilson (SC)
 Sensenbrenner Thompson (CA) Wittman (VA)
 Sessions Thompson (MS) Wolf
 Sestak Thornberry Woolsey
 Shadegg Tiahrt Wu
 Shays Tiberi Yarmuth
 Shea-Porter Tierney Young (FL)

NAYS—12

Barton (TX) Ellsworth Oberstar
 Brown (GA) Flake Paul
 Campbell (CA) Kingston Sullivan
 Coble McHenry Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—42

Baca Hodes Rangel
 Becerra Hulshof Renzi
 Bilbray Johnson, Sam Reyes
 Blackburn Lee Roybal-Allard
 Buyer Levin Rush
 Cardoza Linder Salazar
 Cazayoux Lofgren, Zoe Saxton
 Cramer McCreery Serrano
 Dicks Murtha Solis
 Feeney Napolitano Velázquez
 Gonzalez Ortiz Wasserman
 Grijalva Pastor Schultz
 Gutierrez Pence Westmoreland
 Harman Peterson (MN)
 Hinojosa Pitts

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, due to personal matters, today I missed rollcall vote No. 576 on ordering the previous questions to provide for consideration of H.R. 3667, rollcall vote No. 577 on passage of H. Res. 1419 to provide for consideration of H.R. 3667, rollcall vote No. 578 on final passage of H.R. 1527, rollcall vote No. 579 on final passage of S. 2617. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 580, on the motion that the Committee rise, rollcall vote No. 581, on agreeing to the Grijalva amendment to H.R. 3667, and rollcall vote No. 583, on final passage of H.R. 3667, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall vote No. 581, on agreeing to the Grijalva Amendment to H.R. 3667, and rollcall vote No. 584, on final passage of H.R. 4081, I would have voted "yea".

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO ENTERTAIN MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES RELATING TO H.R. 6532 ON LEGISLATIVE DAY OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 6532 on the legislative day of Thursday, September 11, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was in my district this morning and was unable to return until after votes were called on rollcall 576, 577, 578, and 579. I would have voted "yea" on all of those bills.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 3667, MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY ACT OF 2008

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 3667, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross-referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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

There was no objection.

BURN THE BOOKS PART II

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, our country takes pride in the first amendment right of free speech and free press, but it seems that philosophy is no longer applicable when it comes to criticizing certain religions.

Random House Publishing has decided not to print the novel "The Jewel of Medina" because Islamic radicals are a bit upset. Apparently, American author Sherry Jones hurt some feelings by writing a fiction book about Muhammad's child bride Aisha. Now Random House has been intimidated into not publishing the book because a small radical group of Islamic individuals object. Random House has given in to the threats of the religious speech and press police.

Author Salman Rushdie, who was threatened by these same type of individuals years ago because of his book, "The Satanic Verses," said that, "This is censorship by fear."

These Islamic radicals go throughout the world and denounce free speech and free press if the content is critical of Islam. Further, they demand censorship of the offensive material. Radicals cannot control and suppress the first amendment because they don't agree with what people say or print. Too bad book publishers have given up their right to a free press because now a novel offends some religious group.

And that's just the way it is.

GIVE US A GOOD ENERGY BILL

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, during the August recess, I think a lot of my colleagues got the message from their constituents that they want an energy bill, they want energy independence, and they want us to start working on that right now.

I talked to some of my Democrat colleagues today, and I had an indication from them that we might have an energy bill next week. All I wanted to say to the leadership on the Democrat side is, Give us an energy bill that we can really support. Please don't give us a facade. Don't give us the frosting on the cake without the cake. We want an energy bill that will move us toward energy independence that will allow us to work and get energy from a whole host of sources, as well as the alternative sources that we're talking about in the new technologies.

Give us a good energy bill. Don't give us a piece of junk that we can't vote for.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT ON AN ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I hoped to comment on the Democrat energy bill tonight, but it is still under construction in the back rooms.

What I don't understand is why this Congress, this Democrat Congress, stands in the way of the American people and does not allow a straight up-or-down vote on exploring for more energy here in America.

Our Republican plan is simple: use less energy, find more sources here in America, conserve more, bring the renewables online, but let's explore more for oil and gas in our deep ocean waters and arctic reserve. That's the only way we can have an affordable bridge to the future. We can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and again, give some help to the families and small businesses and school districts across this country who are suffering because of high gas prices.

Now is the time to act. Now is the time. We need a straight up-or-down vote.

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.

WE SHOULDN'T USE FORCE AGAINST IRAN

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the sounds we are hearing and the signals we are seeing from the administration remind me of the months leading up to the invasion of Iraq. For all those supporters of the President who claimed 6 years ago that military intervention in Iraq would be the U.S.'s last option, we now know the war was the first, pre-ordained and only option of the administration. They just had to cook the books to make the American people believe otherwise.

America has paid a very steep price: America has lost lives; Iraqis have lost lives; \$1 trillion lost; American moral leadership in the world lost. And we cannot afford to let this administration do it again with a military strike against Iran before the President and Vice President leave office in January.

The news of late is deeply troubling, and we have a responsibility to remind the Americans of the administration's penchant to conduct diplomacy with bullets and bombs.

I believe the people have the right to know and the right to demand this administration, and the Republican ticket for the Presidency, declare there be no military strike against Iran by U.S. forces or on our behalf by a U.S. ally like Israel unless the Congress votes for it.

My concerns come directly out of the reporting by credible, mainstream international news organizations that have built their reputation on credibility.

I enter into the RECORD a September 1 story from the Jerusalem Post. The headline is: "Dutch intel: U.S. to strike Iran in coming weeks."

[From the Jerusalem Post, Sept. 1, 2008]

DUTCH INTEL: U.S. TO STRIKE IRAN IN COMING WEEKS

(By JPost.com Staff)

The Dutch intelligence service, the AIVD, has called off an operation aimed at infiltrating and sabotaging Iran's weapons industry due to an assessment that a U.S. attack on the Islamic Republic's nuclear program is imminent, according to a report in the country's De Telegraaf newspaper on Friday.

The report claimed that the Dutch operation had been "extremely successful," and had been stopped because the U.S. military was planning to hit targets that were "connected with the Dutch espionage action."

The impending air-strike on Iran was to be carried out by unmanned aircraft "within weeks," the report claimed, quoting "well placed" sources.

The Jerusalem Post could not confirm the De Telegraaf report.

According to the report, information gleaned from the AIVD's operation in Iran has provided several of the targets that are to be attacked in the strike, including "parts for missiles and launching equipment."

"Information from the AIVD operation has been shared in recent years with the CIA," the report said.

On Saturday, Iran's Deputy Chief of Staff General Masoud Jazayeri warned that should the United States or Israel attack Iran, it would be the start of another World War.

On Friday, Ma'ariv reported that Israel had made a strategic decision to deny Iran military nuclear capability and would not hesitate "to take whatever means necessary" to prevent Teheran from achieving its nuclear goals.

According to the report, whether the United States and Western countries succeed in thwarting the Islamic Republic's nuclear ambitions diplomatically, through sanctions, or whether a U.S. strike on Iran is eventually decided upon, Jerusalem has begun preparing for a separate, independent military strike.

I also enter into the RECORD the August 29 Jerusalem Post story entitled, "Israel reaches strategic decision not to let Iran go nuclear."

[From the Jerusalem Post, online edition, Aug. 29, 2008]

ISRAEL REACHES STRATEGIC DECISION NOT TO LET IRAN GO NUCLEAR
(By JPost.com Staff)

Israel will not agree to allow Iran to achieve nuclear weapons and if the grains start running out in the proverbial egg timer, Jerusalem will not hesitate to take whatever means necessary to prevent Iran from achieving its nuclear goals, the government has recently decided in a special discussion.

According to the Israeli daily Ma'ariv, whether the United States and Western countries will succeed in toppling the ayatollah regime diplomatically, through sanctions, or whether an American strike on Iran will eventually be decided upon, Jerusalem has put preparations for a separate, independent military strike by Israel in high gear.

So far, Israel has not received American authorization to use U.S.-controlled Iraqi airspace, nor has the defense establishment been successful in securing the purchase of advanced U.S.-made warplanes which could facilitate an Israeli strike.

The Americans have offered Israel permission to use a global early warning radar system, implying that the U.S. is pushing Israel to settle for defensive measures only.

Because of Israel's lack of strategic depth, Jerusalem has consistently warned over the past years it will not settle for a 'wait and see' approach and retaliate in case of attack, but rather use preemption to prevent any risk of being hit in the first place.

Ephraim Sneh a veteran Labor MK which has left the party recently, has sent a document to both U.S. presidential candidates, John McCain and Barack Obama. The eight-point document states that "there is no government in Jerusalem that would ever reconcile itself to a nuclear Iran. When it is clear Iran is on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons, an Israeli military strike to prevent this will be seriously considered."

According to Ma'ariv, Sneh offered the two candidates the "sane, cheap and the only option that does not necessitate bloodshed." To prevent Iran's nuclear aspirations, Sneh wrote, "real" sanctions applied in concert by the U.S. and Europe is necessary. A total