EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on March 7, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 98 through 106.

Had I been present for rollcall 98, on agreeing to the Napolitano amendment to H.R. 2842, the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall 99, on motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 2842, the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall 100, on agreeing to H.R. 2842, the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act, I would have voted ''no.''

Had I been present for rollcall 101, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 572, providing for consideration of H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, I would have voted ''no.''

Had I been present for rollcall 102, on agreeing to H. Res. 572, providing for consideration of H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, I would have voted ''no.''

Had I been present for rollcall 103, on agreeing to the Himes amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall 104, on agreeing to the Ellison amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall 105, on agreeing to the Waters amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall 106, on agreeing to the Connolly amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, I would have voted ''aye.''

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN DONALD M. PAYNE

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the passing of our dear colleague, Congressman DONALD PAYNE and honoring his lifetime commitment to service and humanitarian causes.

DON PAYNE and I were classmates in Congress. I was first elected in a special election in August, 1988 and DON was first elected in 1988 and took office with the 101st Congress in 1989.

A life-long resident of Newark, New Jersey, DON PAYNE was an educator, insurance executive and President of the National Council of YMCA's, an organization with which he was involved until his passing. His passion for community service took him to elected positions on the Newark city council and as an Essex County freeholder before being elected as the first African American to represent New Jersey in the U.S. Congress.

As a Member of Congress, DON continued to be a tireless advocate for his constituents in New Jersey but he also built a reputation as a champion of human rights on an international scale. As a leader of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights, DON traveled extensively to bring aid and fight for oppressed people across the globe. DON was very involved in efforts to combat political oppression, ethnic violence, the spread of Aids and starvation in Africa but he also worked for relief efforts in Haiti and was very supportive of peace negotiations in Northern Ireland.

On this past Tuesday, March 6, DON PAYNE lost his battle with cancer, the people of Newark and the world lost a dedicated public servant, and I lost a dear friend and colleague. He will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation for the life and service of Congressman DON PAYNE and to keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS STARTUPS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3606) to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, the House today will vote on the final passage of H.R. 3606, the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act. While there is no doubt that this Congress must work to create jobs and support small businesses, we must ensure that any attempts to do so are targeted in a manner that directly benefits the American people, and prevents the outsourcing of jobs.

With unemployment just above eight percent, it will take a coordinated effort at all levels of government to create jobs and rein in the high unemployment rate. Addressing the estimated 2.9 million jobs that were eliminated from the U.S. economy and added overseas by multinational corporations should be a critical component of any piece of legislation that leaves this chamber.

Creating and retaining jobs in the United States has always been a top priority of mine, and I will only support legislation that keeps the American people at the center of its focus. In Texas, I've brought critical infrastructure investments to Dallas that have not only strengthened our roads and bridges, but more importantly brought skilled and hardworking Americans back into the labor force. Ultimately, my concern for the well-being of the American people will remain at the core of any considerations I make.

The Democratic Members of Congress have demonstrated their unwavering commitment to creating jobs at home and protecting the middle class. I am encouraged to finally see that my Republican colleagues are beginning to understand the merits of this commitment, and have refocused their efforts on these critical issues. The JOBS Act is just one step we can take to bolster our economy, and I hope to see increased efforts to address the persistent outsourcing of American jobs emerge from this legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN DONALD PAYNE

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to remember the life and mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey, Congressman DONALD M. PAYNE.

For twelve terms, Congressman was an effective advocate for the interests of constituents, a trusted expert on international affairs and Africa policy to his colleagues, and a tireless champion for poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized people everywhere on earth. But above all, DONALD PAYNE was a good and kind man, who with unfailing good cheer enriched the lives of all he met and served.