

Lujan	Peters	Sewell
Lummis	Peterson	Sherman
Lungren, Daniel	Petri	Shimkus
E.	Pingree (ME)	Shuster
Lynch	Pitts	Simpson
Maloney	Platts	Sires
Marino	Polis	Smith (NE)
Markey	Price (NC)	Smith (NJ)
Matheson	Quigley	Smith (WA)
Matsui	Rahall	Southerland
McCarthy (CA)	Rangel	Speier
McCarthy (NY)	Reed	Stark
McCollum	Rehberg	Stearns
McCotter	Reichert	Stivers
McDermott	Renacci	Sutton
McGovern	Reyes	Terry
McIntyre	Ribble	Thompson (CA)
McKeon	Richardson	Thompson (MS)
McKinley	Richmond	Tierney
McMorris	Rigell	Tipton
Rodgers	Rivera	Tonko
McNerney	Roby	Tsongas
Meeks	Roe (TN)	Turner (OH)
Mica	Rogers (AL)	Upton
Michaud	Rogers (KY)	Van Hollen
Miller (MI)	Rogers (MI)	Velázquez
Miller (NC)	Ros-Lehtinen	Visclosky
Miller, Gary	Roskam	Walberg
Miller, George	Ross (AR)	Walden
Moore	Rothman (NJ)	Walz (MN)
Moran	Runyan	Wasserman
Murphy (CT)	Ruppersberger	Schultz
Murphy (PA)	Rush	Waters
Nadler	Ryan (OH)	Watt
Napolitano	Sánchez, Linda	Waxman
Noem	T.	Webster
Nugent	Sanchez, Loretta	Welch
Nunes	Sarbanes	Wilson (FL)
Nunnelee	Schakowsky	Wittman
Olver	Schiff	Wolf
Owens	Schilling	Womack
Palazzo	Schmidt	Woolsey
Pallone	Schock	Yarmuth
Pascarell	Schrader	Young (AK)
Pastor (AZ)	Schwartz	Young (FL)
Paulsen	Scott (VA)	Young (IN)
Pearce	Scott, David	
Pelosi	Serrano	
Perlmutter	Sessions	

NOT VOTING—26

Akin	Gohmert	Neal
Baldwin	Green, Gene	Paul
Bilirakis	Hirono	Roybal-Allard
Bishop (UT)	Johnson, Sam	Shuler
Cardoza	Kucinich	Slaughter
Cicilline	Labrador	Tiberi
Coble	Lewis (CA)	Towns
Filner	Mack	Whitfield
Fitzpatrick	Meehan	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1206

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 378, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 378, the Broun of Georgia Motion to instruct, I voted “yea” when I intended to vote “nay.” I apologize for any confusion and ask that the RECORD reflect my true intention.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, and 378. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall vote Nos. 374, 376, and 377.

Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on rollcall vote Nos. 371, 372, 373, 375 and 378.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 376, 377 and 378 I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted “no” on rollcall No. 376 “aye” on rollcall No. 377 and “aye” on rollcall No. 378.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 8th, 2012, I missed rollcall votes 371–378 for unavoidable reasons. Specifically, I was in Palm Harbor, Florida, in my congressional district, to attend my son’s high school graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 371: “yea” (Gosar of Arizona Amendment), rollcall No. 372: “yea” (Broun of Georgia Amendment), rollcall No. 373: “yea” (Scalise of Louisiana Amendment), rollcall No. 374: “nay” (Moran of Virginia Amendment), rollcall No. 375: “nay” (Flake of Arizona Amendment), rollcall No. 376: “nay” (On motion to recommit H.R. 5882 with instructions), rollcall No. 377: “yea” (Passage of H.R. 5882—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 2013), rollcall No. 378: “nay” (On Broun of Georgia motion to instruct conferees).

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2942

Mrs. NOEM. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2942.

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

There was no objection.

TO ALLOW THE CHIEF OF THE
FOREST SERVICE TO AWARD
CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR
LARGE AIR TANKERS

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 3261) to allow the chief of the forest service to award certain contracts for large air tankers, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3261

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WAIVER.

Notwithstanding the last sentence of section 3903(d) of title 41, United States Code, the Chief of the Forest Service may award contracts pursuant to Solicitation Number AG-024B-S-11-9009 for large air tankers earlier than the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date of the notification required under the first sentence of section 3903(d) of that title.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3261. This bill waives the congressionally mandated 30-day

notification period before the Forest Service can issue new contracts for aircraft for its air tanker fleet.

There is some urgency to this bill given the catastrophic wildfires that are afflicting the western United States. The west is currently experiencing a drought that has drastically increased the hazards of wildfire this year. A wildfire in New Mexico has already burned more than 400 square miles and is still raging.

The Forest Service must modernize its fleet of air tankers and must do so immediately. The fleet is using several tankers that have been in service for 50 years or longer. The agency intends to issue four contracts for seven new tankers, and this bill will allow the agency to move forward more quickly during this critical time.

Two tankers were lost this past weekend. Only nine tankers remain to fight fires at this time, which is inadequate to deal with wildfire threats our western communities face.

A tanker was forced to make a crash landing in Nevada this weekend when its landing gear failed.

Sadly, we learned the danger of flying these missions when a Forest Service tanker crashed in southern Utah this past weekend, killing both pilots.

I want to take a moment to recognize the pilots of these planes, Todd Neal Tompkins and Ronnie Edwin Chambless, both of Boise, Idaho. I hope their families know that we appreciate their service and sacrifice in making our communities safer.

This is a simple step Congress can take to assist the Forest Service during this critical period.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just considered.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY,
JUNE 12, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2012; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012.

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

There was no objection.

□ 1210

PROTECTING INNOCENT LIFE

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, last week this body took up H.R. 3541, the

Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, which would prohibit abortion on the basis of an unborn baby's gender. Many advanced nations around the world already have laws restricting sex-selection abortions.

The United States of America should not allow abortions to be performed to select an unborn child's sex. Recognizing the importance of all life, I voted in favor of the bill and had high hopes it could be signed into law. Sadly, the measure failed to reach the majority needed for passage.

As unbelievable as it may sound, some Members of Congress were unwilling to vote to restrict abortions based on sex. Aborting a baby based upon its gender undermines one of our Nation's founding principles that all human beings are created equal.

Every Representative, every physician, every American needs to be reminded that at the center of our struggle is the protection of human life. We cannot live in a nation where some human life is valued and other life is not. All life has value, and the casual taking of life is morally wrong.

Let's join together to pray for the protection of the unborn. The intersection of prayer and action can produce amazing results. Through prayer and perseverance we can accomplish our goals and innocent human life can be protected.

MOST PRESSING LEGISLATIVE ITEMS WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, some of the most pressing legislative items were nowhere to be found on the floor this week. We had an opportunity to make headway on critical legislation. Unfortunately, the leadership provided no action, not solutions, not action, only obstruction and delay.

First, student loan interest rates will double on July 1 if we do nothing, and we have done nothing.

Secondly, after losing 28,000 construction jobs last month, Congress still has not passed a highway bill, notwithstanding the fact that the Senate passed a bill with 75 percent of its Members in support, half of the Republican Conference in support, but it's nowhere on this floor as construction jobs languish and people look for work.

Speaker BOEHNER is now saying we might have to wait until November, even though it would create thousands of construction jobs. It seems to be "my way or no highway."

Third, we're headed for a fiscal cliff if Congress can't achieve a serious deficit reduction this year, and we've seen appropriations bills this week that break the budget agreement.

This has been another wasted week by a do-nothing Congress, and we're about to begin a weeklong recess once again. Congress could do better. Con-

gress must do better. Americans expect Congress to do better. It ought to take action now, not delay until it's too late.

SYRIA

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we can do better. As we work to ensure the tranquility of this great land and the opportunity for those who desire and deserve jobs, I frankly, think, it is likewise a devastating disaster, a crisis, that the world has not risen to stop the bloodshed in Syria.

I realize that we are not ready to engage in war, and I say that we do not have to. Syrian Americans are just pleading for the world to intervene, for Dr. Assad to step down, for the ceasefire to take place, and for the killing of women and children to stop.

I join with the administration to ask for Dr. Assad to be removed. I ask the Arab League, I ask the surrounding neighbors to stand up against this increasing violence. To the Syrian Americans that I have stood with in Houston, I stand with you until Dr. Assad is removed and the violence is stopped.

The United Nations has moved towards a resolution of peace, and Russia and China must stop standing in the way and watching bloodshed pour. Remember, children are dying.

Dr. Assad in Syria must leave and peace must come.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S WESTMINSTER ADDRESS

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. Thirty years ago today, President Ronald Reagan delivered one of his most important speeches. He delivered an address to Westminster in which he talked about the imperative of our supporting the notion of self-determination around the world, and he called for the establishment of one of the most important national security items that we have in place today. It's known as the National Endowment for Democracy.

Mr. Speaker, in that speech, President Reagan said:

We must be staunch in our conviction that freedom is not the sole prerogative of a lucky few, but the inalienable and universal right of all human beings. The objective I propose is quite simple to state: to foster the infrastructure of democracy, the system of a free press, unions, political parties, universities, which allows a people to choose their own way to develop their own culture, to reconcile their own differences through peaceful means.

Three decades later, the vision that Ronald Reagan put forward in that famous speech is not only alive, but it's

well and thriving all over the world. I would like to congratulate, congratulate all of those who have been part of the effort that was launched by that speech 30 years ago today by Ronald Reagan.

To the people all over the world who want to determine their futures, we stand with them in their quest for self-determination.

STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES

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

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on July 1, student loan interest rates are due to double. We also have seen numerous very short-term transportation bills as an extended longer transportation bill, which could give real certainty to workers and firms, is sitting there in the Senate and is ignored by the House.

Despite the fact that the transportation bill is sitting there, we haven't taken the proper action, and student loan rates are due to rise, you wouldn't know it from being on the House floor. You wouldn't know it because the majority has not taken up these issues that are the most pressing issues to the American people.

I'm not here to say that the Republicans are sabotaging the economy in order to get an advantage in the election. But there are a lot of people who believe that is the case. If the Republican majority wants to make sure that the people of America know that they're operating on their best behalf, I urge them to take action to preserve low interest rates for students to go to college, to pass a transportation bill, and take up the one that the Senate has already passed.

Jobs are the key, but you wouldn't know it from being in this body, based on the action—or inaction—of the majority.

REPUBLICAN INACTION

(Ms. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, our country continues to recover from the worst recession we've faced in generations. This progress is being made despite the best efforts of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle who stated that their singular goal is not creating jobs, but in making President Obama a one-term President. In the 18 months since they took the majority, the Republicans have had one constant, and that's been to obstruct, obstruct when it comes to commonsense legislation to move the country forward.

Having a transportation bill, passing a long-term surface transportation bill would put 2 million people back to work.