

[Roll No. 41]

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Abercrombie Deal (GA) Jindal  
 Ackerman DeFazio Johnson (GA)  
 Aderholt DeGette Johnson (IL)  
 Akin Delahunt Johnson, E. B.  
 Alexander DeLauro Jones (OH)  
 Allen Dent Jordan  
 Altmire Diaz-Balart, L.  
 Andrews Diaz-Balart, M.  
 Arcuri Dicks  
 Baca Dingell  
 Bachmann Doggett  
 Bachus Donnelly  
 Baird Doolittle  
 Baker Doyle  
 Baldwin Drake  
 Barrett (SC) Dreier  
 Barrow Duncan  
 Bartlett (MD) Edwards  
 Barton (TX) Ehlers  
 Bean Ellison  
 Becerra Ellsworth  
 Berkley Emanuel  
 Berman Emerson  
 Berry Engel  
 Biggert English (PA)  
 Bilbray Eshoo  
 Bilirakis Etheridge  
 Bishop (GA) Everett  
 Bishop (NY) Fallin  
 Bishop (UT) Farr  
 Blackburn Fattah  
 Blumenauer Feeney  
 Blunt Ferguson  
 Boehner Filner  
 Bonner Flake  
 Bono Forbes  
 Boozman Fortenberry  
 Boren Fossella  
 Boswell Fox  
 Boucher Frank (MA)  
 Boustany Franks (AZ)  
 Boyd (FL) Frelinghuysen  
 Boyda (KS) Gallegly  
 Brady (PA) Garrett (NJ)  
 Brady (TX) Gerlach  
 Braley (IA) Giffords  
 Brown (SC) Gilchrest  
 Brown, Corrine Gillibrand  
 Brown-Waite, Gillmor  
 Ginny Gingrey  
 Buchanan Gohmert  
 Burgess Gonzalez  
 Butterfield Goode  
 Camp (MI) Goodlatte  
 Campbell (CA) Gordon  
 Cannon Granger  
 Cantor Graves  
 Capito Green, Al  
 Capps Green, Gene  
 Capuano Grijalva  
 Cardoza Gutierrez  
 Carnahan Hall (NY)  
 Carney Hall (TX)  
 Carson Hare  
 Carter Harman  
 Castle Hastert  
 Castor Hastings (FL)  
 Chabot Hastings (WA)  
 Chandler Hayes  
 Clarke Heller  
 Clay Hensarling  
 Cleaver Herger  
 Clyburn Herse  
 Coble Higgins  
 Cohen Hill  
 Cole (OK) Hinchey  
 Conaway Hinojosa  
 Conyers Hirono  
 Costa Hobson  
 Costello Hodes  
 Courtney Hoekstra  
 Cramer Holden  
 Crenshaw Holt  
 Crowley Honda  
 Cubin Hooley  
 Cuellar Hoyer  
 Culberson Hulshof  
 Cummings Hunter  
 Davis (AL) Inglis (SC)  
 Davis (CA) Inslee  
 Davis (IL) Israel  
 Davis (KY) Issa  
 Davis, David Jackson (IL)  
 Davis, Jo Ann Jackson-Lee  
 Davis, Lincoln (TX)  
 Davis, Tom Jefferson

Neal (MA) Neugebauer  
 Nunes Oberstar  
 Obey Ryan (OH)  
 Olver Ryan (WI)  
 Ortiz Salazar  
 Pallone Sali  
 Pascrell Sánchez, Linda  
 Pastor T.  
 Paul Sanchez, Loretta  
 Payne Sarbanes  
 Pearce Saxton  
 Pelosi Schakowsky  
 Pence Schiff  
 Perlmutter Schmidt  
 Peterson (MN) Schwartz  
 Peterson (PA) Scott (GA)  
 Petri Scott (VA)  
 Pickering Sensenbrenner  
 Pitts Serrano  
 Platts Sessions  
 Pomeroy Sestak  
 Porter Shadegg  
 Price (GA) Shays  
 Price (NC) Shea-Porter  
 Pryce (OH) Sherman  
 Putnam Shimkus  
 Radanovich Shuler  
 Rahall Shuster  
 Ramstad Simpson  
 Rangel Sires  
 Regula Skelton  
 Rehberg Slaughter  
 Reichert Smith (NE)  
 Renzi Smith (NJ)  
 Reyes Smith (TX)  
 Reynolds Smith (WA)  
 Rodriguez Snyder  
 Rogers (AL) Solis  
 Rogers (KY) Souder  
 Rogers (MI) Space  
 Rohrabacher Spratt  
 Ros-Lehtinen Stearns  
 Roskam Stupak  
 Ross Sullivan  
 Rothman Sutton

Tancredo Tanner  
 Tanner Tauscher  
 Taylor Terry  
 Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS)  
 Thornberry Tiahrt  
 Tiberi Tierney  
 Towns Udall (CO)  
 Udall (NM) Upton  
 Van Hollen Velázquez  
 Visclosky Walberg  
 Walden (OR) Walsh (NY)  
 Walz (MN) Wamp  
 Wasserman Schultz  
 Waters Watson  
 Watt Waxman  
 Weiner Welch (VT)  
 Weldon (FL) Weller  
 Westmoreland Wexler  
 Whitfield Wicker  
 Wilson (NM) Wilson (OH)  
 Wilson (SC) Wolf  
 Woolsey Wu  
 Wynn Yarmuth  
 Young (AK) Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—13

Burton (IN) Jones (NC) Poe  
 Buyer Lucas Stark  
 Calvert McHenry Turner  
 Cooper Musgrave  
 Johnson, Sam Norwood

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So (two-thirds of those being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 41, on H. Res. 62, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to my leave of absence, I am submitting for the RECORD how I would have voted if I had been present earlier today.

I would have voted as follows on today's recorded votes:

Rollcall No. 34, "yea"—Motion to Adjourn; Rollcall No. 35, "no"—Ordering the Previous Question; Rollcall No. 36, "no"—Agreeing to H. Res. 66; Rollcall No. 37, "no"—On Consideration of H.R. 6; Rollcall No. 38, "yea"—Motion to Recommit H.R. 6; Rollcall No. 39, "no"—Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair; Rollcall No. 40, "no"—Final Passage of H.R. 6; Rollcall No. 41, "yea"—Adoption of H. Res. 62—Congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the prior order of the House, would it be in order to call up H.R. 475 at this time?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The order of the House provides that the bill may be brought up at any time.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Further inquiry, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the prior order of the House, regarding H.R. 475, is it correct that it allows for just 15 minutes of debate on each side, that is, 30 minutes total?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his further inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Is the Chair aware of any other legislative business that we are doing today?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Is the Chair aware of any further legislative business that we are doing today?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would advise the gentleman to consult the leaderships on that question.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Further inquiry, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. We do indeed understand the majority's desire to have a 5-day workweek, but is 30 minutes of work on a Friday considered a full day?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I move to call up H.R. 475.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Only a manager identified by the order of the House would be recognized to call up that bill.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. I thank the Chair.

## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
 Washington, DC, January 18, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
 Speaker, House of Representatives,  
 Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This letter is to advise you that, effective today, I am taking a

leave of absence from the House Armed Services Committee in order to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. I understand that I will retain my seniority on the Armed Services Committee for the duration of my leave.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

JAMES R. LANGEVIN,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 75) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

##### H. RES. 75

*Resolved*, That the following named Members and Delegate be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.—Mr. Meek of Florida (to rank immediately after Mr. Cummings).

(2) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES.—Mr. Boren.

(3) COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.—Mr. Berman, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Watt, Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Ms. Waters, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. Wexler, Ms. Linda T. Sánchez of California, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Davis of Alabama, Mr. Ellison.

(4) COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.—Mr. Kildee, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Pallone, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Holt, Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Bordallo, Mr. Costa, Mr. Boren, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Markey, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kind, Mrs. Capps, Mr. Inslee, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Baca, Ms. Solis, Ms. Herseth, Mr. Shuler.

(5) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.—Mr. Costello, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Wu, Mr. Baird, Mr. Miller of North Carolina, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Lampson, Ms. Giffords, Mr. McNerney, Mr. Rothman, Mr. Honda, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Ross, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Carnahan, Mr. Melancon, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Wilson of Ohio.

(6) COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS.—Ms. Berkley (to rank immediately after Mr. Doyle), Mr. Walz of Minnesota.

Mr. MCGOVERN (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The Clerk continued to read the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 47

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD as a cosponsor from H.R. 47. Her name was placed on this bill in error.

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

There was no objection.

#### QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For what purpose does the gentleman from Texas rise?

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

Madam Speaker, the question of personal privilege to which I rise is one regarding the tarnish that is on my reputation and the reputation of others here in this body.

We had heard for the last couple of years the term "culture of corruption"; and, frankly, one of the things that I looked forward to is an end to all this discussion about corruption that tarnishes each one of us. And I know for all of the people whom I am close to it is a big deal as far as our reputation when it is tarnished.

And so what I would submit is that in the last 2 weeks that we have not cleared a culture of corruption; that a cloud of corruption has hovered over this body, it hovers over me now, tarnishing all that we are and that I am. And to have an American territory excluded from a minimum wage bill that directly benefits one of the Members, in fact the Speaker and a company—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Under rule IX, the gentleman has not stated a basis for a question of personal privilege.

Mr. GOHMERT. Point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. GOHMERT. Under rule IX, it is provided in the precedents that any time someone's reputation has been tarnished or sullied, it may be addressed.

I would in fact direct you to the second page of section 708 regarding the prior usage for the question of personal privilege. And you will find on the second page of the reference in section 708 of the Rules and Practice Manual that Former Speaker Jim Wright rose to a question of personal privilege and he addressed a matter that was sullyng the reputation of the House, and him in particular, and addressed it in order to clear the air.

If you look underneath that in that same page, it references Speaker Gingrich, who rose to a question of personal privilege in order to clear the air and the cloud and allegation of corruption that had arisen. And then, beneath that you will see a reference of a precedent from Speaker HASTERT in 2000 who

rose to a question of personal privilege to clear the air and clear the question of malfeasance over the issue of the selection of the Chaplain.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would be pleased to examine the basis on which the gentleman from Texas would rely, individually, to be recognized on a point of personal privilege.

Mr. GOHMERT. Well, then perhaps it would be better for the Speaker to come so we can clear the air and get this matter behind us so we can move forward in a bipartisan manner. If it was a staff member or someone else that allowed American Samoa to be exempted, we can get it cleared. The question of personal privilege would disappear. I would rise to make that—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

If the gentleman has documents, newspaper articles, or the like, that identify him personally, he may rely on them as a basis for a question of personal privilege.

Mr. GOHMERT. I have a constitutional point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his point of order.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, under Article I, section 6, a matter that was discussed at some length in the past year, it says that for any speech or debate in either House, they, the Senators and Representatives, shall not be questioned in any other place.

This is the only place in which a question of personal privilege, in which a matter that is tarnishing anyone's reputation or everyone's reputation in here may be addressed. If I will not be allowed to go further with the question of personal privilege, I would ask the Speaker to rise to a question of personal privilege as the last three Speakers have under Article I, section 6, clear the air, clear the cloud of corruption that is hovering over us so we can move forward in a clean and wholesome, bipartisan environment. And I will do as the Parliamentarian has requested.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the precedents of this House, the Chair would be pleased to examine any documentary evidence the gentleman might bring to her attention in order to be able to proceed on a question of personal privilege. The Chair presently has no basis for decision. The Chair would ask the gentleman to conform to precedent to be allowed to proceed. The Chair has not been provided anything to examine as the basis of his question of personal privilege.

Mr. GOHMERT. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GOHMERT. Is the Speaker asking or directing that I bring in articles