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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my home district and unable to record my rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 43-45.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 29.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 29, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 46]  
YEAS—410

Abercrombie	Brown-Waite,	Deal (GA)
Ackerman	Ginny	DeFazio
Aderholt	Buchanan	DeGette
Akin	Burgess	Delahunt
Alexander	Burton (IN)	DeLauro
Allen	Butterfield	Dent
Altmire	Calvert	Diaz-Balart, L.
Andrews	Camp (MI)	Diaz-Balart, M.
Arcuri	Campbell (CA)	Dicks
Baca	Cannon	Dingell
Bachmann	Cantor	Doggett
Bachus	Capito	Donnelly
Baird	Capps	Doolittle
Baker	Capuano	Doyle
Baldwin	Cardoza	Drake
Barrett (SC)	Carnahan	Dreier
Barrow	Carney	Duncan
Bartlett (MD)	Castle	Edwards
Barton (TX)	Castor	Ehlers
Bean	Chabot	Ellison
Becerra	Chandler	Ellsworth
Berkley	Clarke	Emanuel
Berman	Clay	Emerson
Berry	Cleaver	Engel
Biggert	Clyburn	English (PA)
Bilirakis	Cohen	Eshoo
Bishop (GA)	Cole (OK)	Etheridge
Bishop (NY)	Conaway	Everett
Blackburn	Conyers	Fallin
Blumenauer	Cooper	Farr
Blunt	Costa	Fattah
Boehner	Costello	Feeney
Bonner	Courtney	Ferguson
Bono	Cramer	Filner
Boozman	Crenshaw	Flake
Boren	Crowley	Forbes
Boswell	Cubin	Fortenberry
Boucher	Cuellar	Fossella
Boustany	Cummings	Fox
Boyd (FL)	Davis (AL)	Frank (MA)
Boyd (KS)	Davis (CA)	Franks (AZ)
Brady (PA)	Davis (IL)	Frelinghuysen
Brady (TX)	Davis (KY)	Gallely
Braleigh (IA)	Davis, David	Garrett (NJ)
Brown (SC)	Davis, Lincoln	Gerlach
Brown, Corrine	Davis, Tom	Giffords

Gilchrest	Mack	Rothman
Gillibrand	Mahoney (FL)	Roybal-Allard
Gillmor	Maloney (NY)	Royce
Gingrey	Manzullo	Ruppersberger
Gohmert	Marchant	Ryan (OH)
Gonzalez	Markey	Ryan (WI)
Goode	Marshall	Salazar
Goodlatte	Matheson	Sali
Granger	Matsui	Sánchez, Linda
Graves	McCarthy (CA)	T.
Green, Al	McCarthy (NY)	Sanchez, Loretta
Green, Gene	McCaul (TX)	Sarbanes
Grijalva	McCollum (MN)	Saxton
Hall (NY)	McCotter	Schakowsky
Hall (TX)	McCrery	Schiff
Hare	McGovern	Schmidt
Hastert	McHenry	Schwartz
Hastings (FL)	McHugh	Scott (GA)
Hastings (WA)	McIntyre	Scott (VA)
Hayes	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
Heller	McMorris	Serrano
Hensarling	Rodgers	Sessions
Herseth	McNerney	Sestak
Higgins	McNulty	Shadegg
Hill	Meehan	Shays
Hinchee	Meek (FL)	Shea-Porter
Hinojosa	Meeks (NY)	Sherman
Hirono	Melancon	Shimkus
Hobson	Mica	Shuler
Hodes	Michaud	Shuster
Hoekstra	Millender-	Simpson
Holden	McDonald	Sires
Holt	Miller (FL)	Skelton
Honda	Miller (MI)	Slaughter
Hooley	Miller (NC)	Smith (NE)
Hoyer	Miller, Gary	Smith (NJ)
Hulshof	Miller, George	Smith (TX)
Hunter	Mitchell	Snyder
Inglis (SC)	Mollohan	Solis
Inslee	Moore (KS)	Souder
Israel	Moore (WI)	Space
Issa	Moran (KS)	Spratt
Jackson (IL)	Moran (VA)	Stark
Jackson-Lee	Murphy (CT)	Stearns
(TX)	Murphy, Patrick	Stupak
Jefferson	Murphy, Tim	Sullivan
Jindal	Murtha	Sutton
Johnson (GA)	Musgrave	Tancredo
Johnson (IL)	Myrick	Tanner
Johnson, E. B.	Nadler	Tauscher
Johnson, Sam	Napolitano	Taylor
Jones (NC)	Neal (MA)	Terry
Jones (OH)	Neugebauer	Thompson (CA)
Jordan	Nunes	Thompson (MS)
Kagen	Oberstar	Thornberry
Kanjorski	Obey	Tiahrt
Kaptur	Oliver	Tiberi
Keller	Ortiz	Tierney
Kennedy	Pallone	Towns
Kildee	Pascrell	Udall (CO)
Kilpatrick	Pastor	Udall (NM)
Kind	Paul	Upton
King (IA)	Payne	Van Hollen
King (NY)	Pearce	Velázquez
Kingston	Pelosi	Visclosky
Kirk	Pence	Walberg
Klein (FL)	Pelrmutter	Walden (OR)
Kline (MN)	Peterson (MN)	Walsh (NY)
Knollenberg	Peterson (PA)	Walz (MN)
Kucinich	Petri	Wamp
Kuhl (NY)	Pitts	Wasserman
LaHood	Platts	Schultz
Lamborn	Poe	Watson
Lampson	Porter	Watt
Langevin	Price (GA)	Waxman
Lantos	Price (NC)	Weiner
Larsen (WA)	Putnam	Welch (VT)
Larson (CT)	Radanovich	Weldon (FL)
Latham	Rahall	Weller
Lee	Ramstad	Westmoreland
Levin	Rangel	Wexler
Lewis (CA)	Regula	Whitfield
Lewis (GA)	Rehberg	Wicker
Lewis (KY)	Reichert	Wilson (NM)
Linder	Renzi	Wilson (OH)
Lipinski	Reyes	Wilson (SC)
LoBiondo	Reynolds	Wolf
Loeb sack	Rodriguez	Woolsey
Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (AL)	Wu
Lowe y	Rogers (KY)	Wynn
Lungr en, Daniel	Rohrabacher	Yarmuth
E.	Ros-Lehtinen	Young (AK)
Lynch	Ross	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—25

Bilbray	Carter	Gordon
Bishop (UT)	Coble	Gutierrez
Buyer	Culberson	Harman
Carson	Davis, Jo Ann	Herger

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 43, 44, 45, and 46.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 476 considered earlier this evening.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Joint Economic Committee:

Mr. SAXTON, New Jersey.

CUT OFF FUNDING FOR THE IRAQ WAR

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will receive the constitutional address from the executive, and I hope tomorrow that an olive branch will be extended to this Congress, an equal branch of government.

This weekend has seen some 25 U.S. soldiers fall in battle. To their families and their loved ones, I mourn their loss. They are heroes. And so I rise to thank the United States military for heroically and courageously doing their job.

Now it is time for the Congress to be heroic and courageous and cease the funding of this ill-fated war. We are now to reject any suggestion that continued funding protects our soldiers. Unless the President has a political and diplomatic solution, no amount of military force is going to resolve this sectarian fight.

I vote for cutting off the funds. I vote for a courageous and heroic Congress

to save the lives of the young men and women of America, and I thank them for their valiant and courageous service.

#### 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, anniversaries are commonly recognized as a cause for celebration. Yet today the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade is no cause for celebration. While I am inspired by the thousands of citizens who came to Washington to march for life, I am truly disheartened by those who celebrate this "anniversary," a date which marks an overactive judiciary allowing the destruction of human life.

This judicial opinion's 34th anniversary marks the Federal judiciary's usurpation of the Republic's right to set social and moral policy through the electoral process. Moreover, the science behind the opinion is outdated and should, at the very least, be re-evaluated in light of new advancements in science over the last 34 years.

Many legal scholars see the finding in Roe v. Wade as nothing more than judicial activism, a poorly written opinion lacking logic and the strict interpretation of the Constitution in rendering said opinion.

The real legacy of Roe v. Wade is a culture war that will likely continue through many of the opinion's anniversaries yet to come.

Mr. Speaker, today is no cause for celebration. It is yet another example of judges legislating from the bench. Human life is a gift from God, and we all should cherish and protect it.

#### SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH PLAN

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will hear the State of the Union address from the President, and one of the issues that he will highlight in his speech tomorrow night is the need for expanded health care for Americans.

This is something that the Republicans in Congress have focused on for several years, and it is with excitement that we anticipate the President's remarks tomorrow night as he talks about small business health care, talks about small business health plans and how expanding small business health plans to 40 million uninsured Americans, 60 percent of whom work in small businesses, will help more and more families to be able to control their health care and their health care expense, their health care decisions, and preserve their right to access to physicians of their choice.

We know that by giving small businesses the opportunity to band to-

gether, they will have greater options. And we know that this will reduce the number of uninsured Americans.

We look forward to the President's plan for expanding health care through small business health plans.

#### THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

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

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, the failure of Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act results in a broken promise to over 600 forested counties across this country.

Surely you remember the frantic search last month for James Kim and his family in the Federal forests of southern Oregon. Josephine County relied on critical emergency resources in this heart-breaking effort. Ninety percent of the county's search and rescue budget has been funded by this Federal program, which this Congress has not reauthorized. Likewise, the county utilizes an emergency phone notification system to alert homeowners to disasters and emergencies. They used it during the search for the Kim family.

Sixty-five percent of Josephine County's land base is Federal. When disaster strikes, quick information response is literally a matter of life and death. Failure to reauthorize this program means these county services may not be funded and may not be available.

As Josephine County Commissioner Dave Toler said, the loss of this program "is about more than numbers. Its loss will change our lives for many more years to come."

My colleagues, it is high time for Congress to reauthorize this legislation.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, more than 20,000 people descended on Washington today as part of the March for Life rally, marking the 34th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade.

Over 44 million children, little boys and little girls, their lives have been lost since 1973, at this origination of Roe v. Wade. They were never given the opportunity to enjoy life.

As one March for Life participant pointed out today: "Rain or shine, these unborn children don't have that option. They'll never be able to feel the rain on their heads. They'll never be able to feel the wind on their face. So this is a great opportunity for us to march in their honor." And these participants braved cold weather and lots of rain today to participate and stand up for the most vulnerable in our society.

I hope for a more prosperous day when our country respects the lives of the unborn.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PASCRELL). 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.

#### TALIBAN RESURGENCE IN PAKISTAN

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of President Bush's State of the Union speech, in which he will undoubtedly be searching for support for his plan to send additional troops to Iraq, I fear that the President and his administration are neglecting the real front in the war on terror, and that is Afghanistan. It is because of this neglect that the Taliban has made a resurgence in both Afghanistan and western Pakistan.

In October, President Bush said that "al Qaeda is on the run" and claimed that we are winning the war on terror. The fact is that attacks by jihadists have increased over the last 3 years. In addition to the tragic bombings in Madrid and London, violent incidents linked to al Qaeda have occurred in Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, and elsewhere in the Middle East.

Investigators discovered that the man behind the London bombings, Mohammed Siddique Khan, spent significant time in western Pakistan prior to the bombings. He was in the area of Pakistan that shares the border with Afghanistan, and this area has grown to be one of the most problematic regions in America's war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, the problem stems from late 2001, when American forces pushed al Qaeda out of Afghanistan. The group did not disappear, but rather jumped the border to western Pakistan, where it has set up a network of training camps. A former American intelligence official who worked in Pakistan has claimed that over 2,000 foreign fighters are currently in the region.

The details of insurgent attacks on the ground in Afghanistan are very disconcerting. Suicide attacks have increased from 27 in 2005 to an alarming 139 attacks in 2006. Instances of roadside bombs have more than doubled from 783 in 2005 to 1,677 in 2006. And, Mr. Speaker, we are hardly winning this war.

President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice must push Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf to take action against Taliban militants in the western region of his nation. After the attacks of 9/11, President Musharraf offered his support to the United States by vowing to search for