

these private people, to take a look and see whether they could support this not-for-profit public college, there may have been some stretch in the line because it was on stationery. Had I not had the seal that had the Capitol, it would have been all right.

I'm glad this happened because I'm going to find some way to do what I do, and I'm going to do it the way the Ethics Committee says to do it, but I hope I can get some of you to encourage the private sector to do what our government is not doing. Education is too important to leave to the local and State schools. Corporations have an obligation to help us to educate our people. Condoleezza Rice said it, and I truly know that you believe a failure to educate our young people is a threat to our national security. If for whatever reason the Federal Government is not doing it, everyone ought to do their bit. So, whatever the Ethics Committee says to do, we have to do.

Finally, I've changed my mind in bringing to your attention how they beat up on Mr. BOEHNER on the Tim Russert show: where he's been, how he got there and what he violated. At the end of the day, I think I'm trying to make certain that my presentation ends up on as positive a note as I can because of my longtime respect for my friend. Mr. BOEHNER said it was a big mistake and I regret it. I shouldn't have done it. It was an old practice in the House that had gone on for a long time. Well, I think he knows what I'm talking about.

If you made a mistake, I may have made a mistake.

I'll tell you one thing. The judgment of our mistakes should not be to attack each other. It should not be to defame us in front of our family and friends. Whatever difference that we had with each other, that's why we have the Ethics Committee. So, at the end of the day, that's how it's going to be resolved. We don't have that many issues that we've got to work with, perhaps, in a bipartisan way. Whatever we have to do because of the election we have to do, and I don't expect this short talk is going to change anything, but I do hope there is one thing that we keep in mind: that for those of us who are going to be here next year with a new administration, the last thing we have to do is to threaten each other politically and destroy the friendships and the camaraderie that we have worked so hard to try to restore.

I conclude by letting you know that some of you old-timers may know a guy named Guy Vander Jagt. Guy Vander Jagt was chairperson of the Republican Campaign Committee. Could he speak? Could he raise money? Was he partisan? Guy Vander Jagt was my friend. Guy Vander Jagt would come to my fund-raisers. I would stop over to his. His wife and my wife are the best of friends. Even though Guy Vander Jagt is gone, they asked me to speak in the Congress to say how he was loved by both sides. Was he a good Repub-

lican? Was he fierce? Was he eloquent? Was he liked? Yes.

I don't think I'll live long enough to see the days when we'll have that type of relationship. The little we do have let's not destroy. We have a big responsibility to our Nation and to this Congress. I know in my heart that my friend JOHN BOEHNER does not mean truly what he has said, and whoever has put him in the position where he felt that he had to say it, hey, it's campaign time. I understand it. It has to stop somewhere before we leave here. I hope it can stop now.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I demand a point of personal privilege under the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has not been made aware of the basis for the point of personal privilege. Does the gentleman seek recognition under unanimous consent?

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. BOEHNER. I appreciate all my colleagues and their endurance in this. And you all should know that CHARLIE RANGEL and I are friends. We've had fierce debates. We've worked together on many bills, and he's someone who I talk to virtually every day in this House. And it pains me, it pains me to do what I had to do on behalf of my colleagues.

We all live under a system of laws; not only all of us, but all of the American people. Those of us that work in this Chamber, we work under a set of laws and a set of rules. And when the rules are violated, the court system doesn't take into effect whether you were aware of the rules or you were aware of the laws. You either violated the laws or you didn't.

And I say to my friend from New York that, considering the stories that occurred over the summer about the rent-controlled apartments, the fact that one of them was a campaign office, you could conjure up the fact that because it was rent-subsidized that it was, in fact, a campaign gift. And this latest round of stories—

Mr. RANGEL. Will you yield just on that one point?

Mr. BOEHNER. I will be happy to yield.

Mr. RANGEL. Rent-subsidized. If you lived a million years you could not tell where one subsidy came from. Stabilization and subsidies are entirely two different things. There is no subsidy involved. It's a cap.

Mr. BOEHNER. Reclaiming my time. And then this latest round of stories that the gentleman from New York was kind enough to share with all of us

raise serious questions, serious questions.

And I just—the point of the letter that was sent yesterday was to ask the gentleman if he would step aside until the Ethics Committee had time to investigate this.

I believe that the Ethics Committee needs to do its job, not just in this case, but in all cases. And I've been concerned for some time that the Ethics Committee has not been a functioning committee of the House. I understand the current circumstances. We all understand the current circumstances.

But I don't want to condemn the gentleman. I've never convicted the gentleman, nor would I, because he is my friend. But just because he's my friend doesn't mean that I can excuse him from the rules of the House or the law of our land.

And so I ask my colleagues to work with us. I believe, like CHARLIE does, that we, as a Congress, have to find a way to get beyond what's gone on around here over the last 7 or 8 years, that we have to find a way to work together.

If you look at the issues that CHARLIE and I have worked on, GEORGE MILLER and I have worked on, and a lot of other Members that I've worked on on both sides of the aisle, the big issues of our country will not get done by one side or the other. They will only be addressed in a bipartisan way if we're going to be successful. And we know we have big issues facing this country that are being ignored because we're too busy clawing at each other.

My intent here is not to claw at my friend from New York. My intent here is to have justice and to have all of us live by the rules of the House.

I'm sorry that I had to do it, but I have a job to do on behalf of my colleagues in this Chamber. I believe all of us are being held accountable and should be held accountable.

Yes, I've made mistakes, and I've paid for them. I just think that the sooner we get this cleaned up, the better.

But, in the meantime, in fairness to the Members of the House, that stepping aside would, in fact, be the right thing to do.

PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE TRAFFICKING ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4081, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4081, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 379, nays 12, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 584]

YEAS—379

Abercrombie Diaz-Balart, M.
Ackerman Dingell
Aderholt Doggett
Akin Donnelly
Alexander Doolittle
Allen Doyle
Altmire Drake
Andrews Dreier
Arcuri Duncan
Bachmann Edwards (MD)
Bachus Edwards (TX)
Baird Ehlers
Baldwin Ellison
Barrett (SC) Emanuel
Barrow Emerson
Bartlett (MD) Engel
Bean English (PA)
Berkley Eshoo
Berman Etheridge
Berry Everrett
Biggert Fallin
Bilirakis Farr
Bishop (GA) Fattah
Bishop (NY) Ferguson
Bishop (UT) Filner
Blumenauer Forbes
Blunt Fortenberry
Boehner Fossella
Bonner Foster
Bono Mack Foxx
Boozman Frank (MA)
Boren Franks (AZ)
Boswell Frelinghuysen
Boucher Gallegly
Boustany Garrett (NJ)
Boyd (FL) Gerlach
Boyd (KS) Giffords
Brady (PA) Gilchrest
Brady (TX) Gillibrand
Braley (IA) Gingrey
Brown (SC) Gohmert
Brown, Corrine Goode
Brown-Waite, Ginny Goodlatte
Buchanan Granger
Burgess Graves
Burton (IN) Green, Al
Butterfield Green, Gene
Calvert Hall (NY)
Camp (MI) Hall (TX)
Cannon Hare
Cantor Hastings (FL)
Capito Hastings (WA)
Capps Hayes
Capuano Heller
Carnahan Hensarling
Carney Herger
Carson Herseth Sandlin
Carter Higgins
Castle Hill
Castor Hinchey
Chabot Hirono
Chandler Hobson
Childers Hoekstra
Clarke Holden
Clay Holt
Cleaver Honda
Clyburn Hooley
Cohen Hoyer
Cole (OK) Hunter
Conaway Inglis (SC)
Conyers Inslee
Cooper Israel
Costa Issa
Costello Jackson (IL)
Courtney Jackson-Lee
Crenshaw (TX)
Crowley Jefferson
Cubin Johnson (GA)
Cuellar Johnson (IL)
Culberson Johnson, E. B.
Cummings Jones (NC)
Davis (AL) Jordan
Davis (CA) Kagen
Davis (IL) Kanjorski
Davis (KY) Kaptur
Davis, David Keller
Davis, Lincoln Kennedy
Davis, Tom Kildee
Deal (GA) Kilpatrick
DeFazio Kind
DeGette King (IA)
Delahunt King (NY)
DeLauro Kirk
Dent Klein (FL)
Diaz-Balart, L. Kline (MN)

Knollenberg
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Lamborn
Lampson
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lewis (CA)
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Mahoney (FL)
Maloney (NY)
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McCarthy (CA)
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McCaul (TX)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
McDermott
McGovern
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McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris
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Rodgers
McNerney
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Miller, George
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Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
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Pallone
Pascarell
Payne
Pearce
Perlmutter
Peterson (PA)
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Pickering
Platts
Poe
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
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Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
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Sánchez, Linda
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Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
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Scott (GA)
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Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter

NAYS—12
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Broun (GA)
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Coble
Ellsworth
Flake
Kingston
McHenry

NOT VOTING—42
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Bilbray
Blackburn
Buyer
Cardoza
Cazayoux
Cramer
Dicks
Feehey
Gonzalez
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Harman
Hinojosa
Hodes
Hulshof
Johnson, Sam
Lee
Levin
Linder
Lofgren, Zoe
McCreary
Murtha
Napolitano
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Pastor
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Peterson (MN)
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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".

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Turner
Udall (CO)
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Upton
Van Hollen
Visclosky
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Wexler
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Woolsey
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Yarmuth
Young (FL)

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."