

in the Holocaust Museum by going to the Holocaust Museum, by supporting that museum and by showing defiantly that we will not be cowards and that we will not be deterred from standing up for what is right.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. DIANE WATSON.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, lest we forget, we must constantly be vigilant that we have people in this country who still harbor hate. As we go looking around the world for those who would do mass carnage, we need to look right inside of ourselves and see what is happening among too many of our people.

Officer Johns was there. I understand he opened the door for the person who shot him, but he represented a minority, and the shooter went to a place where he could show his anger, his hate, his hostility. As long as these kinds of people allow this to grow within them, we are all at risk. As long as we let guns go unregistered and let them out there and in the hands of these people, each and every one of us is at risk.

So it is now the time not only to give our condolences to the family of Officer Johns, but to take a step in the right direction for the right policy that will keep this in our minds every day of our lives.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 529, condemning the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009, and honoring the bravery and dedication of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum employees and security personnel.

I express my deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns who lost his life as he stood guard at the museum. Officer Johns was only 39 years old; and standing six feet, six inches tall, was known as a "gentle giant". He was lovingly called "Little Stephen" by his family and "Big John" by his colleagues. Officer Johns must always be remembered in our hearts and minds as a hero.

Mr. Speaker, hatred must not be tolerated, and acts of violence must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York, Mr. ELIOT ENGEL.

Mr. ENGEL. I thank the gentleman, my friend from West Virginia, for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise, of course, in support of this resolution. We are all shocked and saddened about what happened yesterday. The Holocaust Memorial Museum is a museum dedicated to victims of genocide, and to have any kind of hatred perpetrated in that museum is an absolute disgrace. My heart goes out to Officer Johns and to Officer Johns' family in that he was doing what so many wonderful people do—protect the public and protect us. His life should not have been taken.

Mr. Speaker, hatred is a terrible thing. The person who did the shooting reportedly has a long history of hating Jews, of hating African Americans, of

hating Catholics—of just about hating everybody. We need to do something about that. We need to teach our children that hatred isn't a part of mainstream anything and that people need to respect our fellow human beings.

I also want to say something about guns, because we really need to deal with the problem of guns in this country. I would like to know why the assassin who served in prison for 6 years as a felon and who was a known hater was able to get ahold of a gun. This is a problem, and we need to deal with it.

So I thank my friend, and I rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I would advise Mr. HASTINGS that I am prepared to close with one final speaker if he wishes to use the balance of his time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good resolution, and it is responsive to what happened yesterday at a place where something like this should never happen. So I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" for the resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield the remainder of my time to the sponsor of this resolution and commend him for the quickness with which he has brought this to the floor, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida is recognized for 2 minutes.

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Mr. KLEIN of Florida. I thank the gentleman from Washington and the gentleman from West Virginia for giving us the opportunity, as well as the Speaker, for allowing us to very promptly bring this to the attention of the House.

I thank the Members, the Democrat and Republican Members, who have all been here today, as well as the entire Chamber for reacting and acknowledging this horrific act. Again, we just acknowledge and extend our condolences to the family.

We rededicate ourselves to the necessity of teaching, of educating our public in the United States and around the world about what happens when racism and intolerance are allowed to fester from generation to generation, and we know that we will commit ourselves to continue that education process to the lessons of the Holocaust and the lessons of, unfortunately, what happened yesterday to make sure that it doesn't happen again.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I stand with so many of my colleagues today in condemnation of yesterday's appalling attack at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the tragic death of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns, who was killed in the line of duty.

Bigotry, racism and intolerance must be condemned wherever they occur, but especially at a memorial to the Holocaust that chal-

lenges visitors to confront hatred and promote human dignity. The Holocaust Museum is a hollowed symbol of the cost of this type of hatred to all of humanity. The Museum teaches millions of people about the dangers of unchecked hatred. We do not need further examples of hate and prejudice within its walls—or anywhere else.

The events of yesterday serve as a reminder that the Museum, and all of us, have more work to do to confront hatred and intolerance in our society.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in voting for the resolution and also in expressing condolences to the family of Officer Johns.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the news of yesterday's shooting at the Holocaust Memorial Museum and express my condolences to the victim's family.

It is unfortunate that, even in today's world, there are still individuals who choose to deny the tragic events of the Holocaust. In the face of those who adhere to hatred, we must continue to stress the importance of knowledge over ignorance, with the hope that we can prevent future tragedies such as this.

And that is just what the Holocaust Museum strives to do. Each year, some 2 million people from around the world visit the museum where they are confronted with a record of the horrors of the Holocaust so that no one can deny its existence. The museum not only reminds us of the atrocities of the Holocaust, but it shows us what happens when hatred, intolerance, and ignorance are allowed to direct the actions of men. The museum calls each one of us to recognize the humanity in all people, regardless of our differences. Its role in educating visitors about the responsibilities each individual has and its efforts to promote tolerance, understanding, and acceptance continue to be needed.

I wish to express my condolences to the family, friends and coworkers of Stephen T. Johns. The outstanding courage demonstrated by Mr. Johns and all those who serve to protect citizens should not be taken for granted. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Stephen T. Johns, an innocent man who lost his life while securing the countless people who stream into one of the national treasures in our capital city, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In the building that was erected to preserve the memory of the martyrs and heroes of the Holocaust, the ugly face of bigotry cast a dark shadow over the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009. The Museum is a place of stillness and personal reflection, and that calm was broken by a gunman who shattered that silence. People from around the country and the world come to that location to learn what the powerful phrase 'Never Again' really means. Visitors take that message to their home communities to serve as spokespeople against bigotry, racism and hatred. That message needs to resonate throughout this country even more so today.

Though this senseless and hateful act of violence is deplorable and has tainted the Museum's stance as a poignant reminder of the millions of innocent people who lost their lives in the Holocaust, it is my hope that the hate that continues to exist in our country will soon cease.

The heroic security officers who put themselves in harm's way to protect the lives of Museum staff and patrons should be commended. Their courageous actions within a building that is synonymous with remembrance and a monument to those millions who died victimized by irrational hatred, saved more lives from being lost to that very same hatred.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in extending heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Stephen T. Johns. His life, service and ultimate sacrifice will not be forgotten. Our nation must remain vigilant in our effort to defend against bigotry and heinous attacks such as this. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute before the United States House of Representatives.

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel once said, "I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." I rise today to do my part to prevent that silence. I rise today to condemn the horrific attack on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and to extend my deepest thanks and sympathy to the family of Officer Stephen Johns and to all those at the Holocaust Museum. These men and women spend their days educating visitors from across the world about the tragic events of the Holocaust. The museum and its staff keep alive the memories of those lost and act as a reminder to our society's conscience of the devastating acts that humans are capable of. The events that occurred at the museum yesterday should only strengthen our resolve to combat anti-Semitism and the prejudices that still pervade our society. We must carry the memory of both the Holocaust and yesterday's events with us as we seek to form a more tolerant world. It is only in creating positive from the abhorrent that we can properly honor the lives of those who were lost.

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in condemning yesterday's shooting at the National Holocaust Museum which claimed the life of museum security guard Stephen Tyrone Johns. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Johns' family and friends during this difficult time.

Mr. Johns' bravery and self-sacrifice saved lives—many innocent lives. His actions prevented this unthinkable attack from further harming the many families, including many young children, who were visiting the museum yesterday.

Mr. Johns' successfully defended our Nation's most prominent monument built to religious and ethnic tolerance from the worst kind of hate and delusion. Anti-Semitism and harming innocent civilians have no place in a civilized society. He will be remembered always as an American hero and his family should be proud of his sacrifice for others.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I pause today to honor the memory of Stephen Tyrone Johns of Temple Hills, Maryland, who died yesterday defending the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum against an anti-Semitic gunman.

Although the gunman appears to have been a hardened denier of the Holocaust, his crime only brings home the high value of that museum of remembrance, which preserves the

historical memory of a people whose communities and institutions have so often been the target of terroristic violence.

That memory is preserved, in ways large and small, by the dedication of people like Officer Johns.

In the wake of yesterday's killing, Mark Blumenthal, an on-line editor, shared the story of his wife's visit to the Holocaust Museum:

"She arrived at the end of a busy workday, in a rush, just a few minutes before closing time. Unfortunately, given the late hour, they had run out of the candles usually provided in the Hall of Remembrance for visitors to light and leave in the niches of the outer walls.

Already feeling emotional . . . she broke down sobbing. A staffer nearby immediately came to her assistance, asking if she needed help. She explained, and the gentleman asked her to wait. He soon returned with a candle, explaining with a conspiratorial wink that he kept his own special supply for such emergencies."

In gestures as simple and kind as that, and acts as courageous as officer Johns's, we can find ways to carry on the duty of memory.

Yesterday's crime may have been intended to scare us away from the Holocaust Museum; may it fail.

May visitors return in force to bear witness to yesterday's loss and to the historical facts whose denial remains, in the words of President Obama, "baseless . . . ignorant, and . . . hateful."

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was created as a sanctuary for tolerance and understanding. It was established by Congress to memorialize the millions of Jews and others who perished during the Holocaust and to educate people about the hatred and intolerance that led to their murders. Yesterday, it was tragically the victim of those same evil impulses.

Today we mourn the death of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns who was killed in the line of duty and extend our condolences to his family. He will be remembered not only as a protector of the staff and visitors who crossed his path, but also as a defender of the noble ideals the museum stands for.

What transpired yesterday is a horrific reminder of the violence that can stem from racism, anti-Semitism, and Holocaust denial. It was a hate crime in the truest sense—an attack fomented by hatred of Jews, African Americans, and all who seek to embrace diversity, tolerance and understanding.

The gunman who perpetrated this attack had a life-long obsession with his hateful views. We can and must do more to prevent future generations from falling victim to a life consumed by hate.

The most powerful response we can take is to reinforce the Museum's mission to educate and inspire people to fight prejudice in all its forms. With President Obama's recent visit to Buchenwald and the Pope's recent trip to Yad Vashem, we must emphasize the value of Holocaust education as a potent antidote to the vicious venom spread from Internet chat rooms and beyond.

Congress has been a partner of the U.S. Holocaust Museum from the very beginning. We will be forever committed to its safety and its success.

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to address the horrible attack which took place yesterday

afternoon at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum here in Washington. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns, who was killed yesterday in the line of duty while heroically performing the job to which he had dedicated himself—protecting innocent people. The Museum is appropriately closed today in his honor, with flags flown at half mast in memory of this brave and selfless man.

We sometimes have a tendency to slip into a false sense of security and denial when we hear about violence and internecine strife around the world. "That won't happen here", we assure ourselves, "We have moved beyond that." But every so often we are painfully reminded that even in this country of freedom and opportunity there are those who would seek to do harm to their neighbors, deny the Holocaust and spew hateful and racist speech designed to divide us.

Of course, our Jewish friends, family, and neighbors were stunned by yesterday's shooting, as it took place in the very hallowed space that our country has dedicated in memoriam to one of the greatest crimes in history, the Holocaust. It is especially saddening that this sacred place, a monument devoted to peace and the prevention of bigotry and crimes against humanity, was defiled in such a tragic manner.

For many Jewish Americans, yesterday's attacks surely summoned up thoughts about other crimes against Jews throughout history, both here in the United States and elsewhere. Of course, we can never forget that Israel itself has faced intense and continuing security threats since its inception over 60 years ago. American Jews are an integral part of the fabric of American society, and irrational actions such as yesterday's attack should serve as an opportunity to bring the American family closer together.

The man who opened fire yesterday at the Holocaust Museum reportedly has been a longtime adherent to a twisted white supremacist ideology. The perverse logic that says the human race is divided and segmented between superior and inferior genetic groups not only runs contrary to our founding concept—"all men are created equal"—it is in fact a cancer upon our society. Ideologies that would place one group of us above others are an affront to the core values that our society was created to defend.

At this moment in our history, when we are confronted by incredible difficulties, we are also filled with hope. We recently witnessed the election to our highest office a man whom at the time of our nation's founding would not even have been permitted to cast a vote. We have seen increasing numbers of women and minorities serving at the highest levels of our government. These developments give us hope, even in the dark moments such as yesterday's murderous attack.

I also would like to note that students from my home state of Massachusetts were in the Holocaust Museum yesterday when the gunman opened fire. I commend the Museum staff and the school chaperones for quickly shepherding the students to safety, ensuring that none was injured in the attack. The fact that millions of schoolchildren visit the Museum and learn the truth about the Holocaust is a rebuke to those, like the deranged killer, who seek to deny that the Holocaust occurred.

As Reverend Martin Luther King taught us, "the arc of the moral universe is long but it

bends toward justice.” We will continue to work to move our nation inexorably in the direction of justice and equality, because those are the values which tie us together. Yesterday, an immoral and evil act took the life of a brave officer. As we express our sadness and respect for Officer Johns, we also remain undeterred in our efforts to achieve and put into practice our nation’s highest ideals—that all men and women are created equal, with inalienable rights that no person can abridge.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns, who fell victim to yesterday’s fatal shooting at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. This tragic outburst of violence and hatred turned the Holocaust Memorial Museum, a “Monument of Sorrow” (reported in the Washington Post), into monumental sorrow as we mourn the senseless loss of a brave man who died because of the color of his skin. I sit on the Advisory Board of the Houston Holocaust Museum, and I understand that such a museum should be a dwelling of honor and respect, not a house of violence and hatred. It should be a place that mourns those who died in the horrific Holocaust, as well as a place that seeks to promote peace. This violent act can not be tolerated.

I would like to express my outrage at this racially-motivated killing, and my concern for Officer Johns’ family, who is left to comprehend a void that will never again be filled. I would also like to express my concern to the patrons of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in our Nation’s Capital, who were subject to baseless and tragic violence yesterday. Despite the strides the United States has made in the arena of Civil Rights, and the progress we continue to make with respect to tolerance, yesterday’s hate crime indicates we have not come far enough. We always seek to protect speech, that is part of our American values, but we can not ignore and protect the violence that comes because Americans believe in the right of free speech.

Let this tragic loss be an alarm for the United States that we must do more to promote respect and understanding among the people of our diverse nation, rather than allow ignorance to manifest within our country. Let Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns’ legacy be marked as a renewed commitment to fighting racism and bigotry. Let this time be one of new hope between the African-American, Jewish communities, and all communities, that together we shall weave a fabric of tolerance and peace, and that together we shall overcome hatred today. I urge passage of this important Resolution.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 529.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 0, not voting 21, as follows:

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YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Davis (IL)	Johnson (IL)
Aderholt	Davis (KY)	Johnson, E. B.
Adler (NJ)	Davis (TN)	Johnson, Sam
Akin	Deal (GA)	Jones
Alexander	DeFazio	Jordan (OH)
Altmire	DeGette	Kanjorski
Andrews	DeLauro	Kaptur
Arcuri	Dent	Kildee
Austria	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kilpatrick (MI)
Bachmann	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kilroy
Bachus	Dicks	Kind
Baird	Dingell	King (IA)
Baldwin	Doggett	King (NY)
Barrow	Donnelly (IN)	Kingston
Bartlett	Doyle	Kirk
Barton (TX)	Dreier	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Bean	Driehaus	Kissell
Becerra	Duncan	Klein (FL)
Berkley	Edwards (MD)	Kline (MN)
Berman	Edwards (TX)	Kosmas
Berry	Ehlers	Kratovil
Biggert	Ellison	Kucinich
Bilbray	Ellsworth	Lamborn
Bilirakis	Emerson	Lance
Bishop (GA)	Engel	Langevin
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Bishop (UT)	Etheridge	Larson (CT)
Blumenauer	Fallin	Latham
Boccheri	Farr	LaTourette
Boehner	Fattah	Latta
Bonner	Filner	Lee (CA)
Bono Mack	Flake	Lee (NY)
Boozman	Fleming	Levin
Boren	Forbes	Lewis (CA)
Boswell	Fortenberry	Lipinski
Boucher	Foster	LoBiondo
Boustany	Fox	Loeb
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Lofgren, Zoe
Brady (PA)	Franks (AZ)	Lowey
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Lucas
Bralley (IA)	Fudge	Luetkemeyer
Bright	Gallegly	Lujan
Brown (GA)	Garrett (NJ)	Lummis
Brown (SC)	Gerlach	Lungren, Daniel
Brown-Waite,	Giffords	E.
Ginny	Gingrey (GA)	Lynch
Buchanan	Gohmert	Mack
Burgess	Gonzalez	Maffei
Burton (IN)	Goodlatte	Maloney
Butterfield	Gordon (TN)	Manzullo
Buyer	Granger	Marchant
Calvert	Graves	Markey (CO)
Camp	Grayson	Markey (MA)
Campbell	Green, Al	Marshall
Cantor	Green, Gene	Massa
Cao	Griffith	Matheson
Capito	Grijalva	Matsui
Capps	Guthrie	McCarthy (CA)
Capuano	Gutierrez	McCarthy (NY)
Cardoza	Hall (NY)	McCaul
Carnahan	Hall (TX)	McClintock
Carney	Halvorson	McCollum
Carson (IN)	Hare	McCotter
Carter	Harman	McDermott
Cassidy	Harper	McGovern
Castle	Hastings (FL)	McHenry
Castor (FL)	Hastings (WA)	McHugh
Chaffetz	Heinrich	McIntyre
Chandler	Heller	McKeon
Clarke	Hensarling	McMahon
Clay	Herger	McMorris
Cleaver	Herseth Sandlin	Rodgers
Clyburn	Higgins	McNerney
Coble	Hill	Meek (FL)
Coffman (CO)	Hinchey	Meeks (NY)
Cohen	Hinojosa	Melancon
Cole	Hodes	Mica
Conaway	Hoekstra	Michaud
Connolly (VA)	Holden	Miller (FL)
Conyers	Holt	Miller (MI)
Cooper	Honda	Miller (NC)
Costa	Hoyer	Miller, Gary
Costello	Hunter	Miller, George
Courtney	Inglis	Minnick
Crenshaw	Inslee	Mitchell
Crowley	Israel	Mollohan
Cuellar	Issa	Moore (KS)
Culberson	Jackson (IL)	Moore (WI)
Cummings	Jackson-Lee	Moran (KS)
Dahlkemper	(TX)	Murphy (CT)
Davis (AL)	Jenkins	Murphy (NY)
Davis (CA)	Johnson (GA)	Murphy, Patrick

Murphy, Tim	Rooney	Stupak
Murtha	Ros-Lehtinen	Sutton
Myrick	Roskam	Tanner
Nadler (NY)	Ross	Tauscher
Napolitano	Rothman (NJ)	Taylor
Neal (MA)	Roybal-Allard	Teague
Neugebauer	Royce	Terry
Nye	Rush	Thompson (CA)
Oberstar	Ryan (OH)	Thompson (MS)
Obey	Ryan (WI)	Thompson (PA)
Olson	Salazar	Thornberry
Olver	Sanchez, Loretta	Tiahrt
Ortiz	Sarbanes	Tiberi
Pallone	Scalise	Tierney
Pascarella	Schakowsky	Titus
Pastor (AZ)	Schauer	Tonko
Paul	Schiff	Towns
Paulsen	Schmidt	Tsongas
Payne	Schock	Turner
Pelosi	Schrader	Upton
Pence	Schwartz	Van Hollen
Perlmutter	Scott (GA)	Velázquez
Perriello	Scott (VA)	Vislosky
Peters	Sensenbrenner	Walden
Peterson	Serrano	Walz
Petri	Klein (FL)	Wamp
Pingree (ME)	Pingree (ME)	Wasserman
Pitts	Shadegg	Schultz
Platts	Shea-Porter	Waters
Polis (CO)	Sherman	Watson
Pomeroy	Shimkus	Watt
Posey	Shuler	Waxman
Price (GA)	Shuster	Weiner
Price (NC)	Simpson	Welch
Putnam	Sires	Westmoreland
Qigley	Skelton	Wexler
Radanovich	Slaughter	Whitfield
Rahall	Smith (NE)	Wilson (OH)
Rangel	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (SC)
Rehberg	Smith (TX)	Wittman
Reichert	Smith (WA)	Wolf
Reyes	Snyder	Woolsey
Rodriguez	Souder	Wu
Roe (TN)	Space	Yarmuth
Rogers (AL)	Speier	Young (AK)
Rogers (KY)	Spratt	Young (FL)
Rogers (MI)	Stark	
Rohrabacher	Stearns	

NOT VOTING—21

Ackerman	Himes	Poe (TX)
Baca	Hirono	Richardson
Barrett (SC)	Kagen	Ruppersberger
Blackburn	Kennedy	Sánchez, Linda
Blunt	Lewis (GA)	T.
Brown, Corrine	Linder	Sullivan
Childers	Moran (VA)	
Delahunt	Nunes	

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Mr. HONDA and Ms. SPEIER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, if I would have been here, I would have voted in support of Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2346—Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009, H.R. 1886—Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009, H.R. 1687 and H. Res. 529.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1256, FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

Mr. POLIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-145) on the resolution (H.