There was no objection. The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore The Chair will now entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

WELCOMING HOME PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ANDREW PARKER, AMERICAN HERO
(Mr. WELCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)
Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to offer a warm welcome home to a soldier who sacrificed for his country and to thank all of those who are working to make his return home a successful one. Private First Class Andrew Parker enlisted in the United States Army after graduating from Lamoille Union High School in 2007. On November 20, 2008, his MRAP vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb near Kandahar, Afghanistan. Andrew suffered injuries that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

During the months that Andrew spent recovering in DOD and VA hospitals, his neighbors and friends in Vermont worked together to complete an incredible project to modify his home to make it accessible to him upon his return. His kindergarten teacher, the Hyde Park VFW and countless other businesses, organizations and individuals donated time, money and labor to make it possible for Andrew to return home to a new addition to his home, a living room, a bedroom, a bath and a bay for his new van.

Now Andrew will have the resources he needs to focus on rebuilding his strength as he works to fulfill his new mission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.

INVESTMENT IN AMERICAN STEEL ACT OF 2009
(Mr. WILSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)
Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last night I introduced the Investment in American Steel Act of 2009.

My bill will ensure that as our Nation moves toward an energy-efficient, green economy that we continue to invest both in American-made steel and our Nation's steel workers. The production of wind turbines in the United States offers an exciting opportunity for thousands of American steelworkers and manufacturers nationwide.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included an important provision, providing manufacturers with a tax credit for investing in clean, renewable energy, and one of them being wind energy. While I fully support the initiative, I believe if a company receives a tax credit for building windmills here in the United States, they should use American-made steel to build those windmills.

My bill will encourage the use of American steel in windmills by giving the full tax credit to companies using U.S. steel. The less U.S. steel they use, the lower the tax credit would go. During this difficult economic time, it is more important than ever that we make an investment in both our Nation's workers and in the U.S. steel market. My bill will accomplish just that.

NORTH KOREA
(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)
Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as a fighter pilot who flew 62 combat missions in Korea against aggressors in the fifties, Americans need to know that just as North Korea prepares to launch a missile aimed at American citizens in Hawaii, the Democrats slashed 19 missile interceptors from the Defense Department budget that goes to funding our military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard, a state sponsor of terror, or more appropriately called the “Demons of Democracy”, are killing their own people, mostly students, whose only crime is speaking out in public against these tough tyrants.

As the Fourth of July nears, the most sacred of all days of liberty, how about we invite the sons of freedom, the daughters of democracy of Iran for a budget of Hot Dog Diplomacy?” The youth of Iran have shown more tenacity and love of freedom than the world has seen in years.