PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, June 25, 2009, due to a medical situation involving a member of my family, I was not present for rollcall votes 453 through 460. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

“Aye” on rollcall vote 453; “Aye” on rollcall vote 454; “No” on rollcall vote 455; “No” on rollcall vote 456; “Aye” on rollcall vote 457; “Aye” on rollcall vote 458; “No” on rollcall vote 459; “Aye” on rollcall vote 460.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2647, the Clerk be authorized to make the additional technical corrections, which are at the desk.

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, because I was attending a conference at the White House on immigration reform, I was unavoidably detained and would like to state for the RECORD that, had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on the McGovern-Jones amendment, would have voted “yes” on the McGovern-Sestak amendment, would have voted “no” on the Franks amendment, “no” on the Holt amendment, “yes” on the Holt amendment, “yes” on the Akin amendment, “no” on the Akin amendment, “yes” on the Holt amendment, “yes” on the Connolly amendment, and would have voted “no” on the Republican motion to recommit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized to note that I also was at a meeting with the President at the White House, on immigration and unavoidably missed the votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on the McGovern-Jones amendment, “yes” on the McGovern-Sestak amendment, “no” on the Franks amendment, “no” on the Holt amendment, “yes” on the Akin amendment, “yes” on the Holt amendment, “yes” on the Connolly amendment, and “no” on the motion to recommit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I ask unanimous consent to place in the RECORD how I would have voted because I was unavoidably detained at a 2-hour meeting with the President on the issue of immigration. I would have voted “yes” on the adoption of the McGovern-Jones. I would have voted “yes” on the adoption of the McGovern-Sestak. I would have voted “no” on the Franks-Cantor. I would have voted “no” on the Akin-Forbes amendment. I would have voted “yes” on the Holt amendment. I would have voted “yes” on the Connolly amendment and “no” on the Republican motion to recommit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 578 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution, the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, except as provided in section 2, no amendment shall be in order except: (1) the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution; (2) the amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules; (3) not to exceed three of the amendments printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee; (4) not to exceed one of the amendments printed in part D of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee; and (5) not to exceed one of the amendments printed in part E of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Hensarling of Texas or his designee. Each such amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI and except that an amendment printed in part B, C, D, or E of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading.

At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. In case of sundry amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House without intervening demand for division of the question. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto for final passage by the House without intervening demand for division of the question except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. After consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee may report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. In case of sundry amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House without intervening demand for division of the question except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. The Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII).

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 2996, the Speaker may reallocate two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). The gentleman from Colorado is recognized.

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlelady...