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:


PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was meeting with President Obama at the White House on immigration reform earlier today and missed rollcall votes 453–460. If present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 453, 454, 457, 458 and 460 and "nay" on rollcall votes 455, 456, and 459.

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 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 Akin amendment, "yes" on the Holt amendment, "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 five-minute 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 Hesback 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 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 thereunto. Final passage of the bill shall be considered as one motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SUC. 2. After consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent.

SUC. 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).

SUC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 2996, the Chair may reduce 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. TAUCHE). The gentleman from Colorado is recognized as the pro tempore.

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

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2647, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 2647, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross-references, and the table of contents, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill, and that the Clerk be authorized to make the additional technical corrections, which are at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri? There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend remarks and in which to insert extraneous materials in the RECORD on the bill that was just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri? There was no objection.

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 on 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 Akin amendment, would have voted "yes" on the Holt amendment, would have voted "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 state for the RECORD how I would have voted be-