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PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, during rollover votes Nos. 167, 168, and 169 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" on rollover vote No. 167, "yea" on rollover vote No. 168, and "yea" on rollover vote No. 169.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to the provisions of section 5580 and 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-45), the Chair appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:
Mr. MATSUI, California.
There was no objection.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 435 REGARDING 1999 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)
Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, just briefly I want to commend the House for an action taken earlier on the passing of a suspension, which was the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act.
This would temporarily suspend customs duties on participants in upcoming athletic events being held in the United States, including the 1999 Women's World Cup. I commend the gentilewoman from Florida (Mrs. THURMAN), who sits on the Ways and Means Committee, as well as of officials at the Women's World Cup Organizing Committee, namely their chair, Donna De Varona, for their work to pass this provision.
When the 1999 Women's World Cup officially kicks off in 12 days, it will be the largest women's sporting event in history. With 16 countries participating and over 400,000 tickets already sold, the United States will be host to an international contingent of some of the world's best athletes, as well as numerous foreign dignitaries. Preparations are currently being finalized to ensure that this event is an international success and that the United States remains the premier staging ground for international sporting events.
As a courtesy to participants in international athletic events, Congress has historically voted to temporarily suspend customs duties on the personal effects of participants in such athletic events and participants in the Women's World Cup deserve the same treatment. Suspending these duties will allow for a smoother entry process by ensuring that participants and their families do not have to pay entry duties on the equipment and other items they bring with them.
All of the players, trainers, coaches and family members participating in the Women's World Cup have been on a long and challenging road to reach the finals. Representing six continents, these individuals are some of the best athletes in the world. I welcome them to our country and wish them all the best of luck.
I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 435 and thus help ensure that the Women's World Cup is one of the most successful sporting events ever held.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 111
Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 111.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE SITUATION IN KASHMIR
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.