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Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
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Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
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Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
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LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
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Lewis (CA)
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Lewis (KY)
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Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowe
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Menendez
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NOT VOTING—29

Boswell
Cook
Cox
Deutsch
Franks (NJ)
Gonzalez
Hansen
Hinojosa
Jackson-Lee
(TX)

Millender-
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercatt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ose
Owens
Oxley
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner

Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Sweeney
Talent
Tancredo
Tanner
Pelosi
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tierney
Toomey
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velázquez
Vento
Visclosky
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Whitfield
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

Reyes
Rodriguez
Ros-Lehtinen
Rush
Snyder
Stark
Taylor (NC)
Waxman
Weygand
Wicker

□ 1826

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORT AND GOOD WISHES TEMPER A SERIOUS HEALTH CHALLENGE

(Mr. VENTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VENTO. Madam Speaker, I know a few of my colleagues have noticed I have not been around the last month or so. And believe me, spending a month in Minnesota in February is not necessarily a voluntary decision that one might make. I would much rather have been with my colleagues.

As my colleagues know, I have returned from experiencing a serious illness. But I wanted to point out some of the experience I had just briefly, and I will try to be brief.

But I think the true mark of who we are as persons is who we can call our friends. If we are fortunate, we have those friends to fall back on and lean on during the unexpected events of our lives, the disappointments and the challenges.

I rise to say that I feel that I am very fortunate and blessed to call so many of my colleagues and many others my friends, especially during this period in my life as I do face this serious health challenge.

Simply put, the outpouring of affection that I have received has been overwhelming from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and from my constituents, my friends, and from my family. Cards and letters, calls and visits, not to mention their prayers, both spoken and unspoken, are very much appreciated. They have lifted the spirits of my staff, my family, and certainly myself.

In early February, I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, mesothelioma, which required aggressive treatment. A month ago, I underwent pretty aggressive surgery. In the near future, I will receive chemo and then radiation treatment on top of that.

I am surely in the middle of a 10-round major event of my life. But my spirits are good, as my colleagues can tell, and I am optimistic. And I am greatly reinforced by the outpouring of support that has been so generously offered.

□ 1830

The past 2 months have given me good cause to reflect upon and to genuinely appreciate the value of our collective experience; victories savored, setbacks endured and shared values and, to be sure, challenges ahead.

For the past 24 years in this body, I have had the privilege to serve as a Member. It is an honor and I have been reminded most vividly of the strong bond that has been established with my constituents in Minnesota and the role of service in the United States Congress, and the important work with other public servants similarly charged. Good people, good Americans.

Too often in my experience, it has served some political cynical purposes to denigrate public service. I regret that. It is my belief each of us should aspire to inspire others, young people in particular; to give of ourselves and themselves, as we have done; to define the differences between skepticism and cynicism. Indeed, in serving the people's interest we should be proud and respectful. When direction is lost, when purpose is needed, no further than the words of Minnesota's happy warrior and my mentor serve us well, the very embodiment of public service, Hubert H. Humphrey, to guide us, and I quote, "If there is dissatisfaction with the status quo, good. If there is ferment, so much the better. If there is restlessness, I am pleased. Then let there be ideas and hard thought and hard work," end quote.

Together, as Members of Congress, we would do well to strive to serve as Minnesota's Humphrey instructed us to make people's lives better, to provide opportunity and to give new hope. To me, the key of all we have done and continue to do is that we have done this together.

So as I make my plans to meet the new health challenge, I am grateful that I am not making this journey alone but with so many cheering me on, my friends supporting and encouraging me. In the words of Tennyson, I intend to continue to strive, to seek, to find, and as most of my colleagues who know me well, not to yield.

Madam Speaker, I thank my constituents, my colleagues, my friends all, for the outpouring of concern and the care as I have faced this challenge. I am very grateful.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3701.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3701, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows: