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Mr. HILLIARD changed his vote from "aye" to "no.

Ms. KILPATRICK and Messrs. GILMAN, SMITH, RYUN, and MILLER of Ohio proffered the following statement:

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

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I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN).

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