PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I was un-
avoidably detained attending my son’s high
school graduation and missed rollocall votes 302–303. If I had been here, I would have
voted in the following manner.

Rollecall 303: No (delaying implementation of
Department of Veterans’ Affairs VERA sys-
tem).

Rollecall 304: No (striking prohibition against
dredging until National Academy of Sciences
study complete).

Rollecall 305: No (prohibiting designation of
ozone non-attainment areas).

Rollecall 306: No (prohibiting administration of
Communities for Safer Guns Coalition).

Rollecall 307: No (shifting funding from space
station program to increase the number of
new low income housing vouchers).

Rollecall 308: No (prohibiting Department of
Housing and Urban Affairs from implementing
settlement agreement with Smith and
Wesson).

Rollecall 309: Yes (final passage).

Rollecall 310: No (withdrawal from World
Trade Organization).

PRAYER AT FOOTBALL GAMES

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the Su-
preme Court begins every session every
day with a prayer that goes something
like this, “God save the United States
and this honorable court.” This Con-
gress, every Congress begins every ses-
son every day with a prayer by a chap-
lain paid with tax dollars.

The First Amendment to the Con-
stitution prohibits the Federal govern-
ment from creating any law prohib-
iting the free exercise of religion, yet
the Supreme Court ruled on Monday
that students may not give voluntary
prayers before football games even if
students vote to do so.

In issuing this football prayer deci-
sion, the Supreme Court fumbled. They
fumbled before. There is nothing sac-
rosanct about the Supreme Court deci-
sion. They read themselves over 100
times in our Nation’s history.

They fumbled in 1857 when they said
Dred Scott was not a person because of
the color of his skin. The Supreme
Court fumbled Monday when it ruled
against free voluntary speech. Rather
than preserving our rights, the court
eroded them, and they ensured years of
costly litigation for lawyers.

But I hope, yes I pray, if I am allowed
to do so, that one day this decision will
be overturned also.

MEDICARE RX MEETS INDIVIDUAL
NEEDS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, there are
almost 40 million Medicare bene-
ficiaries in the United States, and I can
say with confidence that no two bene-
ficiaries are just alike. So why would
this administration want to create a
one-size-fits-all Medicare prescription
drug program?

Our seniors should not be forced into
a big government Washington-based
drug benefit program, a program run
by Washington bureaucrats that do not
know the difference between Motrin
and Resulin. Our seniors and disabled
Americans deserve and want a better
plan.

The House bipartisan prescription
drug benefit plan will provide an af-
fordable, available, and voluntary drug
benefit program allowing each Medi-
care beneficiary to choose which pro-
gram best serves their individual
needs.

Mr. Speaker, the American people
cannot afford the $100 billion Clinton-
Gore cookie cutter prescription drug
plan scheme, whatever you call it,
which thoughtlessly neglects indi-
vidual health care needs of our seniors.

GARY GRAHAM

(Mr. RUSH asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise
point out a few things
the stand by the defense to testify,
Governor Bush’s confidence is not
enough. Mr. Speaker, in a case where
the gun found at the arrest was not the
gun used to kill the murder victim,
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I urge Governor Bush to remember
that simply saying that one is con-
fident is not enough to right a wrong.

GARY GRAHAM

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend her re-
marks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in the
Bible, justice rolls down like water and
righteousness like a mighty stream.

But in Texas, it is just a trickle.

Is it not ironic that, in the State of
Texas, a juvenile is tried as an adult,
but in Connecticut, an adult is tried as a
juvenile?

Texas has executed more juvenile of-
fenders than any other State in Amer-
ica. Another 26 juvenile offenders now
sit on Texas’ death row.

George Bush boasts of his inter-
national experience. Well, his death
row experience has put Texas right in
line with Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan,
Saudi Arabia and Democrat Republic of
Congo as executionists of juvenile of-
fenders.

A Federal court has already stated
that there is significant evidence to
support Gary Graham’s claim of inno-
cence.

Why not let the Texas Board of Par-
dons and Paroles review the new evi-
dences?

Should George Bush kill Gary
Graham? He could very well be killing
an innocent man. Or does George Bush
want to follow in the footsteps of his
“Willie Horton” father to win brownie
points in a close election?

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr.
TOOMEY). Under the Speaker’s an-
ounced policy of January 6, 1999, and
under a previous order of the House,
the following Members will be recog-
nized for 5 minutes each.

RESPONSIBILITY OF HIGH GAS
PRICES FALLS WITH THE WHITE
HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a
previous order of the House, the gentle-
man from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is
recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, many
Americans are becoming very upset
about the great and tremendous rise in
gas prices around the country, and cer-
tainly they should be upset about this.
Let me just point out a few things
though.