Mr. BECERRA and Mr. STARK changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. BECERRA and Mr. STARK changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOTURE) at 1 o’clock and 33 minutes p.m.

VICTIMS OF TERRORISM RELIEF ACT OF 2001

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to provide some additional time on this particular subject to the call of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the bill (H.R. 2884) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of H.R. 2884 is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “Victims of Terrorism Relief Act of 2001”.

SEC. 2. INCOME TAXES OF VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 692 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to income taxes of members of Armed Forces on death) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) VICTIM OF CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS.—

(1) The heading of section 692 of such Code is amended to read “692. Income taxes of victims of certain terrorist attacks.”

(2) The item relating to section 692 in the table of sections for part II of subchapter J of chapter 1 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“692. Income taxes of members of Armed Forces on death and victims of certain terrorist attacks.”

(b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The heading of section 692 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 692. INCOME TAXES OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES ON DEATH AND VICTIMS OF CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS.”

(2) The item relating to section 692 in the table of sections for part II of subchapter J of chapter 1 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“692. Income taxes of members of Armed Forces on death and victims of certain terrorist attacks.”

(3) Section 5(b)(1) of such Code is amended by inserting “victims of certain terrorist attacks” after “on death”.

(4) Section 6013(f)(2)(B) of such Code is amended by inserting “and victims of certain terrorist attacks” after “on death”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending on or after September 11, 2001, and to the previous order of the House, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to provide additional time on this particular subject to the call of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for providing this opportunity to state for the record the following:

YES VOTE ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 61, CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

(Mr. CROWLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall 338, which occurred on September 12, 2001, unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to be here to vote on this important resolution. I would like to take this opportunity to state for the Record that had I been here, I would have voted “yea” on House Joint Resolution 61, condemning the cowardly terrorist attacks which took place on September 11.

I spent part of yesterday visiting the rescue operation team at the World Trade Center in their attempt to find more survivors within the rubble. I still find it difficult to recounts the horrors that I witnessed, but I assure my colleagues that what I saw is unprecedented in the history of our country. It reaffirms my faith, though, in America and in this Congress that has moved so quickly, with such force and unity, to condemn these attacks and has guaranteed the support of the people of the United States for New York City, for Washington, D.C., and for all the victims of this vicious, vicious attack.

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The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOTURE) at 1 o’clock and 33 minutes p.m.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No further business.

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