

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BOEHRNER, Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 354, noes 70, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 375]

AYES—354

Abercrombie	DeLay	Israel
Ackerman	DeMint	Istook
Aderholt	Deutsch	Jefferson
Akin	Diaz-Balart	Jenkins
Allen	Dicks	John
Andrews	Dingell	Johnson (CT)
Army	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Bachus	Dooley	Johnson, Sam
Baird	Doolittle	Jones (NC)
Baker	Doyle	Jones (OH)
Baldacci	Dreier	Kanjorski
Ballenger	Duncan	Kaptur
Barcia	Dunn	Keller
Barr	Ehlers	Kelly
Bartlett	Ehrlich	Kennedy (MN)
Barton	Emerson	Kennedy (RI)
Bass	English	Kerns
Becerra	Eshoo	Kildee
Bentsen	Etheridge	Kilpatrick
Bereuter	Everett	Kind (WI)
Berkley	Farr	King (NY)
Berman	Fattah	Kingston
Berry	Ferguson	Kirk
Biggert	Flake	Knollenberg
Bilirakis	Fletcher	Kolbe
Blumenauer	Foley	Kucinich
Blunt	Forbes	LaFalce
Boehlert	Ford	LaHood
Boehner	Fossella	Lampson
Bonilla	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Bonior	Frost	Lantos
Bono	Gallegly	Largent
Boswell	Ganske	Larsen (WA)
Boucher	Gekas	Larson (CT)
Boyd	Gephardt	Latham
Brady (TX)	Gibbons	LaTourette
Brown (OH)	Gilchrest	Leach
Brown (SC)	Gillmor	Levin
Bryant	Gilman	Lewis (CA)
Burr	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Burton	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Buyer	Goodlatte	Linder
Callahan	Gordon	Lipinski
Calvert	Goss	LoBiondo
Camp	Graham	Lofgren
Cannon	Granger	Lowey
Cantor	Graves	Lucas (KY)
Capito	Green (TX)	Lucas (OK)
Capps	Green (WI)	Luther
Cardin	Greenwood	Maloney (CT)
Carson (IN)	Grucci	Mascara
Carson (OK)	Gutknecht	Matheson
Castle	Hall (OH)	Matsui
Chabot	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Chambliss	Hansen	McCarthy (NY)
Clay	Harman	McCollum
Clayton	Hart	McCrery
Clement	Hayes	McGovern
Clyburn	Hayworth	McHugh
Coble	Hefley	McInnis
Collins	Herger	McIntyre
Combest	Hilleary	McKeon
Condit	Hilliard	Meeks (NY)
Cooksey	Hinojosa	Menendez
Cox	Hobson	Mica
Cramer	Hoeffel	Miller, Gary
Crane	Hoekstra	Miller, George
Crenshaw	Holden	Mollohan
Crowley	Honda	Moran (KS)
Culberson	Hooley	Moran (VA)
Cummings	Horn	Murtha
Cunningham	Hostettler	Myrick
Davis (FL)	Houghton	Napolitano
Davis (IL)	Hoyer	Nethercutt
Davis, Jo Ann	Hulshof	Ney
Deal	Hunter	Northup
DeGette	Hyde	Norwood
Delahunt	Inslee	Nussle
DeLauro	Isakson	Ortiz

Osborne	Ryan (WI)	Tauscher
Ose	Ryun (KS)	Tauzin
Otter	Sanchez	Taylor (MS)
Owens	Sanders	Taylor (NC)
Oxley	Sawyer	Terry
Pascrell	Saxton	Thomas
Pastor	Schaffer	Thompson (CA)
Paul	Schiff	Thompson (MS)
Pelosi	Schrock	Thornberry
Pence	Sensenbrenner	Thune
Peterson (MN)	Serrano	Thurman
Peterson (PA)	Sessions	Tiahrt
Petri	Shadegg	Tiberi
Pickering	Shaw	Toomey
Pitts	Shays	Traficant
Platts	Sherman	Turner
Pombo	Sherwood	Udall (CO)
Pomeroy	Shimkus	Upton
Portman	Shows	Vitter
Price (NC)	Shuster	Walden
Pryce (OH)	Simmons	Walsh
Putnam	Simpson	Wamp
Quinn	Skeen	Watkins (OK)
Radanovich	Smith (MI)	Watt (NC)
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	Watts (OK)
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	Waxman
Rangel	Smith (WA)	Weiner
Regula	Snyder	Weldon (FL)
Rehberg	Solis	Weldon (PA)
Reyes	Souder	Weller
Reynolds	Stearns	Wexler
Riley	Stenholm	Whitfield
Rogers (KY)	Strickland	Wicker
Rogers (MI)	Stump	Wilson
Rohrabacher	Stupak	Wolf
Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu	Wu
Roukema	Sweeney	Wynn
Royce	Tancredo	Young (AK)
Rush	Tanner	Young (FL)

NOES—70

Baca	Jackson (LL)	Payne
Baldwin	Jackson-Lee	Phelps
Barrett	(TX)	Rivers
Bishop	Johnson, E. B.	Rodriguez
Blagojevich	Klecza	Roemer
Borski	Lee	Ross
Brady (PA)	Maloney (NY)	Rothman
Brown (FL)	Markey	Roybal-Allard
Capuano	McDermott	Sabo
Conyers	McKinney	Sandlin
Costello	McNulty	Schakowsky
Coyne	Meehan	Scott
Davis (CA)	Meek (FL)	Skelton
DeFazio	Millender-	Slaughter
Edwards	McDonald	Spratt
Engel	Mink	Stark
Evans	Moore	Tierney
Filner	Morella	Towns
Frank	Nadler	Udall (NM)
Gutierrez	Neal	Velázquez
Hastings (FL)	Oberstar	Visclosky
Hill	Obey	Waters
Hinchev	Olver	Watson (CA)
Holt	Pallone	Woolsey

NOT VOTING—6

Cubin	Hastings (WA)	Manzullo
Davis, Tom	Issa	Miller (FL)

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Mr. FOLEY, Madam Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 257) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMBERSON). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 257

Resolved, That the following Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Standards of Official Conduct: Mr. LATOURETTE.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MCKINNEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SOUDER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

COMMENTS REGARDING ANTHRAX

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRENSHAW). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY, Mr. Speaker, I know how proud the people of Jacksonville are to see you in the Chair today, and I am delighted to address the Congress and particularly to the people in my district, the 16th Congressional District of Florida.

Once again, our county, Palm Beach County, is in the news; and the news is not good. It is relative to a scare that is occurring in my community relative to anthrax.

What I do want to express to my constituents and to this community is the professionalism with which this issue is being dealt with on the ground. We have a phenomenal Public Health Unit, led by Dr. Jean Malecki, who is the head of the Palm Beach County Health Department. I want to give you a little story, if I can, because obviously this has caught a lot of people off guard and has caused a degree of panic in our community.

Dr. Larry Bush at JFK Medical Center in Atlanta was the first to treat the patient who presented himself, Mr. Robert Stevens, from Lantana. He noticed in examining the spinal fluids of

Mr. Stevens that there was a very, very odd behavior to the spinal fluid, and what he was detecting was of quite serious concern. He sent the material to the lab for further investigation because it was unlike anything he had seen in recent time, and immediately called Dr. Malecki at the Palm Beach County Health Unit.

This is where the professional response team came in and played a pivotal and important role in determining the disease that he was suffering from, the bacteria that had infected him. Then, of course, Dr. Malecki immediately alerted CDC and the FBI. They moved expeditiously to our community and secured the premises, looked back at where Mr. Stevens had been the last several weeks, investigated thoroughly all the various ways he may have been contaminated, tested all of the individuals working at the company, American Media, and did so in a relatively short period of time.

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Let me underscore the reason why I want to speak today and it is to applaud not only the Palm Beach County Health Unit, applaud Dr. Larry Bush for immediately investigating the pathogen that he discovered and alerting the authorities rather than maybe choosing otherwise and not to bring this to a heightened sense of awareness, and for John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital that has been in existence since 1960, ably represented by Mr. Phil Robinson who is the administrator for immediately doing the right thing, and that is public disclosure, that is notifying authorities, that is bringing in experts, that is conducting a total surveillance of a situation.

Let me read to you from the Palm Beach Post, our local newspaper. The editorial today is "Keep Confidence High During Anthrax Hunt." "To reassure the public as the anthrax investigation continues in Palm Beach County, the public health system must be at its best. Since last week, the community has seen the benefit of that system's strengths and the need for officials to face questions, not avoid them."

It goes on to say, Dr. Malecki, a specialist in epidemiology, the branch of medicine that investigates the causes and control of disease, began investigating Wednesday. A day later, CDC tests confirmed anthrax bacteria, and CDC officials immediately dispatched a team to our community as well as the FBI. Since the anthrax strain was not naturally occurring, goes the report, it is reasonable to conclude that someone introduced it to into the American Media building. Thus, the system will be tested further as the questioning increases. Conflicting messages and attempts to limit what information public receives will cause public anxiety.

That is where I want to stop and urge all people involved with this, and I

have no reason to doubt that they are forthcoming. But we need to reassure the public every step of this investigation what we are learning. Every likely contaminant that he may have come in contact with to bring into perspective what may be at stake here. Yes, this is a scary time for many; but it is no reason for panic because the professionals, the health teams, the FBI and others are down on the ground working.

What I would like to finish with in conclusion is the last paragraph. In fact, the system is working with a proper combination of urgency and responsibility. Some of the best medical minds at all levels of government are working around the clock to find out what happened and who did it. Let me repeat, some of the best medical minds at all levels of government are working around the clock to find out what happened and who did it.

Given the stakes and the jittery public mood, this is the public health system the public should see. I salute Dr. Malecki. I salute the team of professionals who are on the ground. I thank Secretary Thompson and his agencies at HHS for keeping me briefed on this urgent matter. I thank the FBI and others for their detailed and thorough investigation of this scene to reassure our community that we are on top of this situation and we will determine who caused this and when and how it was delivered.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues as well for their support during the past several weeks for all of the victims of terror, for their support of the President and particularly his recent directive urging a little bit of secrecy, if you will, in the plans as he is outlining them so we do not have a rush to judgment nor a release of information that could harm some of our personnel as they enter into engagement in these battles.

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

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. SANCHEZ addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend and applaud the 23

million people of Taiwan for their support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attack on our country.

From the beginning, Taiwan's message for United States and the world has been clear. Taiwan condemned terrorism and especially those perpetrators who killed thousands of innocent people and disrupted the lives of million of people worldwide.

Taiwan has stood with the United States in its love for democracy and freedom. The strength of our nations to overcome disasters and terror has never been clearer.

The terrorists on September 11 hoped to destabilize our economy and strike fear in those countries that believe in the Democratic principals of freedom and peace. They did not succeed and will not succeed because of friends like Taiwan. On this day, I strongly believe that Taiwan needs a greater international presence. I support Taiwan's aspirations to be an active member in the international community. It has all the qualifications: a sound political system, a much admired economy, and a genuine desire to maintain peace and stability in East Asia and the world.

With a United Nations membership, Taiwan will become a very useful player, contributing its finances and ideas to combat nuclear proliferation, environmental abuses, human rights violations, and worldwide terrorism. I urge my colleagues to give all their support to Taiwan's bid to become a member of the United Nations and other key international organizations. Taiwan is worthy and a faithful friend of the United States of America.

So, again, I urge all my colleagues to join with me in commending and recognizing Taiwan for their friendship and the strong relationship that exists between our two countries.

POTENTIAL CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. BAIRD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, on September 11 our Nation was forced to begin to think of the unthinkable. As we watched the World Trade Center collapse and the attack on the Pentagon, our world was changed. It is not a pleasant thing to begin to ponder such consequences and situations, but ponder them I am afraid we must.

Had the fourth airplane succeeded in striking this great building while we were in session or were a terrorist organization to detonate a nuclear weapon during a joint session of the Congress, I am concerned that we could precipitate not only great loss of life but a constitutional crisis.

Under the United States Constitution which we are all sworn to uphold and