

Visclosky	Weldon (FL)	Wolf
Vitter	Weldon (PA)	Wu
Walden	Weller	Wynn
Wamp	Wexler	Young (AK)
Watt (NC)	Whitfield	Young (FL)
Watts (OK)	Wicker	
Weiner	Wilson	

## NAYS—1

Paul

## NOT VOTING—19

Burton	Goodlatte	Solis
Buyer	Harman	Walsh
Cox	Houghton	Waters
Dingell	Jefferson	Watkins
Eshoo	Millender-	Waxman
Ferguson	McDonald	Woolsey
Goode	Nethercutt	

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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.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 153 on H.R. 1914, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to vote during consideration of rollcall Nos. 152 and 153. I would have voted "yea" on both these rollcall votes.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the following four suspensions passed earlier today: H.R. 1000; H.R. 37; H.R. 640; and H.R. 1661.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 157) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 157

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable John Joseph Moakley, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate very much the leadership of both parties for their support of this resolution.

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On behalf of JOE MOAKLEY's family and staff, I want to thank my colleagues who traveled to Boston for the funeral services last week. I know those Members who could not be there in person were with us in their thoughts and prayers, and I appreciate that very, very much.

I have been very blessed to have had the opportunity to speak with our friend JOE MOAKLEY in other settings over the past week, including at the funeral, so I will not take too much of the House's time today. I know that many other Members wanted to speak. But I would just like to say a couple of things. As somebody who worked for JOE MOAKLEY for over 14 years and who served with him in the House for nearly 5 years, I never met a person who made me feel better about politics or about public service. I learned an awful lot from him, and I saw him do some amazing things.

Mr. Speaker, I had a front-row seat to watch a real master in action. JOE was guided by the simple but powerful principle that no one is unimportant. From the streets of South Boston to the jungles of El Salvador, JOE MOAKLEY stood for and fought for fairness and fought for justice. He made sure that Mrs. O'Leary got her lost Social Security check. He fought to make sure that our veterans got the health care services that they were entitled to receive. He cared deeply about the environment, and he had a passion for civil rights and equal rights and human rights.

And yes, Mr. Speaker, he was a Democrat and very, very proud of it. He believed in the Democratic Party and he fought hard for the principles and the values that he believed in. But as I am sure that my Republican colleagues will acknowledge, JOE respected and admired those who had different views and even a different party affiliation. JOE MOAKLEY was a people person and his influence and his power in this institution was based not merely on his seniority or his status on the Committee on Rules but instead it was based on personal relationships and friendships with men and women of both parties.

His advice to me after I first got elected to Congress was not to give the most fiery or partisan speeches or even to hire the most experienced or expensive press secretary but to get to know everyone on a first-name basis. Building coalitions and building friendships, he would say, was the surest way to be

effective. He told me shortly before he died that what bothered him the most during these past weeks was not the disease or even the inevitability of his death, rather what bothered him and made him emotional was not being on the ballot again. He loved this job so very, very much.

He worked literally to the very end. I recall visiting him a few days before he died in the hospital at Bethesda Naval Hospital and he had an IV in one arm and a phone cradled in the other, and he was doing constituent services. Mr. Speaker, he loved the Members of this body, he loved both Democrats and Republicans, and he loved the staff and not just the staff of the Members but also the support staff, from the Capitol Police to the elevator operators to those who worked in the House dining room.

JOE MOAKLEY approached death like he did his life, with a great deal of grace and dignity and humor. He always had a quip or a joke. He always put a smile on everyone's face. In fact, wherever you saw JOE MOAKLEY, you saw a whole bunch of people gathered with smiles on their face.

Last week, the people of Massachusetts said farewell to our friend. We had two Presidents there, a former Vice President, a lot of our colleagues here in the House. But really what was the most moving tribute I thought was the fact that there were thousands, literally thousands of people who had lined the streets of Boston to pay their last respects: construction workers who took off their hard hats out of deference to JOE, senior citizens, people in wheelchairs, young children, people of every background, of every religion, of every conceivable socioeconomic background came to pay their respects to this guy whom they not only respected but whom they loved.

JOE MOAKLEY was not only a good man, he was a great man. I feel very privileged to have had the honor to work with him not only on his staff but as his colleague. He really was my best friend, like a second father to me, and I miss him a lot.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank my friend from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) the former Rules Committee staff member and now our distinguished colleague and obviously, as he said, a very close friend of JOE MOAKLEY's.

This has been a very challenging and difficult time for all of us. It is obvious that we are saddened by the passing of JOE MOAKLEY, but we are here today to, I believe, spend some time talking about the wonderful life and the amazing impact that he had on so many of us. Just yesterday, I was very pleased that the Committee on Rules was able to report out a resolution which I