

as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 39]  
YEAS—409

Abercrombie	Cummings	Hoekstra
Ackerman	Cunningham	Holden
Aderholt	Davis (AL)	Holt
Akin	Davis (GA)	Honda
Alexander	Davis (FL)	Hooley
Allen	Davis (IL)	Hostettler
Andrews	Davis (KY)	Hoyer
Baca	Davis (TN)	Hulshof
Bachus	Davis, Jo Ann	Hunter
Baird	Davis, Tom	Hyde
Baldwin	Deal (GA)	Inglis (SC)
Barrett (SC)	DeFazio	Inslee
Barrow	DeGette	Israel
Bartlett (MD)	Delahunt	Issa
Barton (TX)	DeLauro	Istook
Bass	DeLay	Jackson (IL)
Bean	Dent	Jackson-Lee
Beauprez	Diaz-Balart, L.	(TX)
Becerra	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jefferson
Berkley	Dicks	Jenkins
Berman	Dingell	Jindal
Berry	Doggett	Johnson (CT)
Biggart	Doolittle	Johnson (IL)
Bilirakis	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (GA)	Drake	Johnson, Sam
Bishop (NY)	Dreier	Jones (NC)
Bishop (UT)	Duncan	Jones (OH)
Blackburn	Edwards	Kanjorski
Blumenauer	Ehlers	Keller
Blunt	Emanuel	Kelly
Boehlert	Emerson	Kennedy (MN)
Bonilla	Engel	Kennedy (RI)
Bonner	English (PA)	Kildee
Bono	Etheridge	Kilpatrick (MI)
Boozman	Evans	King (IA)
Boren	Everett	King (NY)
Boswell	Fattah	Kingston
Boucher	Ferguson	Kline
Boustany	Filner	Knollenberg
Boyd	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kolbe
Bradley (NH)	Flake	Kucinich
Brady (PA)	Foley	Kuhl (NY)
Brady (TX)	Forbes	LaHood
Brown (OH)	Ford	Langevin
Brown (SC)	Fortenberry	Lantos
Brown, Corrine	Fossella	Larsen (WA)
Brown-Waite,	Fox	Larsen (CT)
Ginny	Frank (MA)	Latham
Burgess	Franks (AZ)	LaTourette
Burton (IN)	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Butterfield	Garrett (NJ)	Lee
Buyer	Gerlach	Levin
Calvert	Gibbons	Lewis (CA)
Camp	Gilchrest	Lewis (GA)
Cannon	Gillmor	Lewis (KY)
Cantor	Gingrey	Linder
Capps	Gohmert	Lipinski
Capuano	Gonzalez	LoBiondo
Cardin	Goode	Lofgren, Zoe
Cardoza	Goodlatte	Lowe
Carnahan	Gordon	Lucas
Carson	Granger	Lungren, Daniel
Carter	Graves	E.
Case	Green (WI)	Lynch
Castle	Green, Al	Mack
Chabot	Green, Gene	Maloney
Chandler	Grijalva	Manzullo
Chocola	Gutierrez	Marchant
Clay	Gutknecht	Markey
Cleaver	Hall	Marshall
Clyburn	Harman	Matheson
Coble	Harris	McCarthy
Cole (OK)	Hart	McCaul (TX)
Conaway	Hastings (FL)	McCollum (MN)
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	McCotter
Cooper	Hayes	McCreary
Costa	Hayworth	McDermott
Costello	Hefley	McGovern
Cox	Hensarling	McHenry
Cramer	Hерger	McHugh
Crenshaw	Herseth	McKeon
Crowley	Higgins	McKinney
Cubin	Hinche	McMorris
Cuellar	Hinojosa	McNulty
Culberson	Hobson	Meehan

Meek (FL)	Porter
Meeks (NY)	Portman
Melancon	Price (GA)
Menendez	Price (NC)
Mica	Pryce (OH)
Michaud	Putnam
Millender-	Rahall
McDonald	Ramstad
Miller (FL)	Regula
Miller (MI)	Rehberg
Miller (NC)	Renzi
Miller, Gary	Reyes
Miller, George	Reynolds
Moore (KS)	Rogers (AL)
Moore (WI)	Rogers (KY)
Moran (KS)	Rogers (MI)
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher
Murphy	Ros-Lehtinen
Murtha	Ross
Musgrave	Rothman
Myrick	Roybal-Allard
Nadler	Royce
Napolitano	Rush
Neal (MA)	Ryan (OH)
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)
Ney	Ryun (KS)
Northup	Salazar
Norwood	Sanchez, Linda
Nunes	T.
Nussle	Saxton
Oberstar	Schakowsky
Obey	Schiff
Oliver	Schwartz (PA)
Ortiz	Schwarz (MI)
Osborne	Scott (GA)
Otter	Scott (VA)
Owens	Sensenbrenner
Oxley	Serrano
Pallone	Sessions
Pastor	Shadeg
Paul	Shaw
Payne	Shays
Pearce	Sherman
Pelosi	Sherwood
Pence	Shimkus
Peterson (MN)	Shuster
Peterson (PA)	Simmons
Petri	Simpson
Pickering	Slaughter
Pitts	Smith (NJ)
Platts	Smith (TX)
Poe	Smith (WA)
Pombo	Snyder
Pomeroy	Sodrel

Solis	Souder
Spratt	Stark
Stearns	Strickland
Sullivan	Sweeney
Tancredo	Tanner
Tauscher	Taylor (MS)
Terry	Thomas
Thompson (CA)	Thompson (MS)
Thornberry	Tiahrt
Tiberi	Tierney
Towns	Turner
Udall (CO)	Udall (NM)
Upton	Van Hollen
Velázquez	Visclosky
Walden (OR)	Walsh
Wamp	Wasserman
Watson	Schultz
Watt	Waxman
Weiner	Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)	Weller
Westmoreland	Wexler
Whitfield	Wicker
Wilson (NM)	Wilson (SC)
Wolf	Woolsey
Wu	Wynn
Young (AK)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—24

Baker	Kind	Ruppersberger
Boehner	Kirk	Sabo
Capito	McIntyre	Sanchez, Loretta
Esho	Mollohan	Sanders
Farr	Pasrell	Skelton
Feeney	Radanovich	Stupak
Gallegly	Rangel	Taylor (NC)
Kaptur	Reichert	Waters

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in the vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "A resolution condemning the terrorist bombing attack that occurred on February 14, 2005, in Beirut, Lebanon, that killed former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and killed and wounded others."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, February 17, 2005, I was unavoid-

ably detained due to a prior obligation. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 39, "yes" (H. Res. 91).

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on February 17, 2005 due to the funeral of a close friend. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on Rollcall No. 38.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FEBRUARY 24, 2005 TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 841

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration have until midnight, Thursday, February 24, 2005, to file a report to accompany H.R. 841.

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

There was no objection.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 66, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING THE SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY'S BLACK CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 67) honoring the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizing the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, however, I do not intend to object, I yield to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) for an explanation of the resolution.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. I yield to the gentleman from Alaska.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) for introducing this resolution.

This resolution honors the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contribution in construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway during World War II.

There is no doubt about the enormous contribution made by these soldiers and the lasting legacy they left to Alaska and the security of our Nation.

This is long overdue and I strongly support the gentlewoman's resolution and appreciate her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, may I suggest somebody should read the great story of this Corps of Engineers brigade and what they were able to do, the work they put in, the time they put in, and the excellent job they did in building a highway of approximately 1,400 miles in less than 365 days of a year.

Again, I commend the gentlewoman for introducing this resolution. It is long overdue. And for those who do not understand this, drive this highway someday and you will understand the work they put in.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk a little bit about the legislation that we are considering. The construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway from Dawson Creek, Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1942 was heralded as one of America's greatest public works projects of the 20th century.

The emergency war measure, made necessary by the bombing of Pearl Harbor, was authorized by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on February 11, 1942. The construction of the 1,522 mile long road through rugged unmapped wilderness and extreme temperatures ranging between 80 degrees below and 90 degrees above zero was completed in an astonishing 8 months and 12 days. Upon completion, the road was the only overland route that strategically linked Alaska and the lower 48 States and facilitated the construction of airstrips for refueling planes and vital supply routes during World War II.

Critical to the construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway were the men

of the 93rd, 95th, and 97th regiments, in addition to the 388th battalion of the Army Corps of Engineers. Segregated by race and seldom recognized, members of the Black Corps of Engineers comprised over one-third of the total troop strength in this project.

In spite of severe racially discriminatory policies and detestable living and social conditions, the soldiers of the Black Corps of Engineers performed notably and unselfishly on this project.

□ 1400

Regretfully, since 1942, their contributions toward this country's Western defense during World War II and subsequent integration of the military have been excluded from many of the footnotes of history; but this being the last day we can make presentations during Black History Month, I am delighted and thankful that the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) knew about them and is cosponsoring this resolution.

It is with great pride and honor that I, with the cosponsorship of the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this group of soldiers whose works have existed in the shadows of the Nation's history since 1942, the Army's Black Corps of Engineers; and the Congressional Black Caucus joins me in supporting this. Let me thank again the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CONAWAY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 67

Whereas the bombing of Pearl Harbor necessitated constructing an overland route between Alaska and the lower 48 States for military purposes;

Whereas on February 11, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt authorized the construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway (also known as the "Alcan Highway");

Whereas construction of the Alcan Highway, a 1,522-mile long road from Dawson Creek, Canada, to Fairbanks, Alaska, was an engineering feat of enormous challenge;

Whereas the Alcan Highway was constructed by approximately 10,000 United States troops through rugged, unmapped wilderness and extreme temperatures, ranging from 80-degrees-below to 90-degrees-above zero;

Whereas the Corps of Engineers units assigned to construct the Alcan Highway were segregated by race;

Whereas the 93rd, 95th, and 97th Regiments and 388th Battalion of the Corps of Engineers, part of a group known as the "Black Corps of Engineers", were African American units assigned to the Alcan Highway project, and these units comprised one-third of the total engineering workforce on the project;

Whereas despite severe discriminatory policies, and abominable living and social

conditions, the soldiers of the Black Corps of Engineers performed notably and unselfishly on the project;

Whereas on November 20, 1942, the Alcan Highway was completed in an astonishing 8 months and 12 days, becoming one of the Nation's greatest public works projects in the 20th century;

Whereas the Alcan Highway became the only land route that strategically linked the northern territory to the remainder of the continental United States and facilitated the construction of airstrips for refueling planes and vital supply routes during World War II;

Whereas although considerable praise was bestowed upon soldiers for exemplary work in constructing the Alcan Highway, the soldiers of the Black Corps of Engineers were seldom recognized; and

Whereas despite enduring indignities and double standards, the soldiers of the Black Corps of Engineers contributed unselfishly to the western defense in World War II and these contributions helped lead to the subsequent integration of the military: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress honors the soldiers of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers for their contributions in constructing the Alaska-Canada highway during World War II and recognizes the importance of these contributions to the subsequent integration of the military.*

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HON. TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 1, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 17, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 1, 2005.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of