

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING CHAIRMAN DAVE
OBEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Chairman DAVE OBEY on a remarkable career and to congratulate him on his retirement from the U.S. Congress.

Chairman OBEY has honorably served the citizens of Wisconsin's 7th district since 1969. When Chairman OBEY began his service in the Congress—succeeding Mel Laird, who was appointed Secretary of Defense—he was the youngest Member of Congress in the United States. He has an impressive record of legislative accomplishments. He is now the longest-serving member of either House of Congress in Wisconsin's history.

His commitment to the integrity of the House has taught me a great deal about the legislative process. His respect for the minority, interest in listening to all voices and his common-sense leadership have been critical in ensuring civil debate and productive solutions to extremely difficult problems.

Chairman DAVE OBEY is the only Democratic Member of the House to have served on the three major economic committees in the Congress: the Budget Committee, the Joint Economic Committee and the Committee on Appropriation.

Chairman OBEY has been a mentor and a friend and I will miss his leadership in the U.S. House. I thank him for his service to the 7th district of Wisconsin, the country and the world, and wish him the very best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL W. HODES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes from Friday, December 17 through Wednesday, December 22, 2010. I would have voted "yes" on the following votes:

Friday:

H.J. Res. 105—Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (Representative OBEY—Appropriations) (Voice vote)

1. H. Res. 1377—Honoring the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta (Representative HONDA—House Administration)

2. Senate Amendment to H.R. 1107—to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts" (Representative CONYERS—Judiciary)

3. Senate Amendment to H.R. 628—to establish a pilot program in certain United States

district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges (Representative ISSA—Judiciary)

4. H. Res. 1733—Recognizing Mark Twain as one of America's most famous literary icons on the 175th anniversary of his birth and the 100th anniversary of his death (Representative SNYDER—Oversight and Government Reform)

5. H. Res. 1621—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the historic founding of Catholic Charities USA (Representative HOLT—Oversight and Government Reform)

6. H. Res. 1767—Commending the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding season and 2011 Rose Bowl bid (Representative BALDWIN—Education and Labor)

7. H. Con. Res. 335—Honoring the exceptional achievements of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and recognizing the monumental contributions he has made to United States national security, humanitarian causes, and peaceful resolutions of international conflict (Representative LOWEY—Foreign Affairs)

8. S. 3874—Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act (Senator BOXER—Energy and Commerce)

9. H.R. 6533—To implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service (Representative DOYLE—Energy and Commerce)

10. H.R. 6523—Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Representative SKELTON—Armed Services)

11. H.R. 2142—Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2009 (Representative CUELLAR—Oversight and Government Reform)

12. H.R. 5510—Aiding Those Facing Foreclosure Act of 2010 (Representative KAPTUR—Financial Services)

Tuesday:

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5116—America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (Representative GORDON—Science and Technology)(228–130)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2142—Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act (Representative CUELLAR—Oversight and Government Reform) (216–139)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2751—FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (Representatives WAXMAN/DINGELL—Energy and Commerce) (215–144)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3082—Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011 (Representative OBEY—Appropriations) (193–165)

1. S. 3592—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the "First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building" (Senator CHAMBLISS—Oversight and Government Reform)

2. Senate Amendment to H.R. 81—Shark Conservation Act (Representative BORDALLO—Natural Resources)

3. Senate Amendment to H.R. 5809—Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2010 (Representative INSLEE—Energy and Commerce)

4. H.R. 6540—To require the Secretary of Defense, in awarding a contract for the KC-X Aerial Refueling Aircraft Program, to consider any unfair competitive advantage that an offeror may possess (Representative INSLEE—Armed Services)

5. H.R. 6547—To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees (Representative GEORGE MILLER—Education and Labor)

6. S. 118—Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act (Senator KOHL—Financial Services)

7. S. 1481—Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act (Senator MENENDEZ—Financial Services)

8. S. 3243—Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 (Senator PRYOR/Representative SHULER—Homeland Security)

9. S. 2925—Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2010 (Senator WYDEN—Judiciary)

10. Senate Amendment to H.R. 4748—Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act of 2010 (Representative OWENS—Judiciary)

11. Senate Amendment to H.R. 1746—Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act of 2009 (Representative OBERSTAR—Transportation and Infrastructure)

Wednesday:

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 847—James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act (Representative MALONEY—Energy and Commerce)(206–60)
Bills Adopted By Unanimous Consent (13):

1. Senate Amendment to H.R. 6523—Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Representative SKELTON—Armed Services)

2. S. 3481—Amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Federal responsibility for stormwater pollution (Senator CARDIN—Transportation and Infrastructure)

3. House Amendment to S. 372—Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act (Senator AKAKA—Oversight and Government Reform)

4. H. Res. 1461—Supporting Olympic Day on June 23, 2010, and congratulating Team USA and World Fit participants (Representative LANGEVIN—Oversight and Government Reform)

5. S. 4036—A bill to clarify the National Credit Union Administration authority to make stabilization fund expenditures without borrowing from the Treasury (Senator DODD—Financial Services)

6. S. Con. Res. 67—A concurrent resolution celebrating 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally (Senator VOINOVICH—Foreign Affairs)

7. Senate Amendment to H.R. 6560—Removal Clarification Act of 2010 (Representative HANK JOHNSON—Judiciary)

8. H. Res. 1779—Honoring the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders (Representative JOHN LEWIS (GA)—Judiciary)

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