

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, on May 20, 2004, for rollcall vote 202, I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, on rollcall vote No. 202, I would have voted "aye."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Chairman, earlier today I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 202. I wish the RECORD to reflect I would have voted "yes" on that amendment.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 202. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma. Mr. Chairman, on Thursday, May 20, 2004, I regret that I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 200, 201, and 202. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 200 to eliminate the 2-year Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) delay contained in H.R. 4200; rollcall vote 201 expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should assist the Iraqi Government in destroying the Abu Ghraib prison and replacing it with a modern detention facility; and rollcall vote 202 requiring the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive policy to prevent and respond to sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 200; I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 201; and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 202.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4200) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY AND OUR FALLEN HEROES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask the House to observe a moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day and our fallen heroes.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on a special order speech on the topic of fallen heroes and that all such remarks be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 20, 2004.

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

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object and I will not ob-

ject, I just want to take this opportunity to thank my friend and colleague from New York for affording this House the opportunity to express ourselves on this Memorial Day in honor of these fallen heroes. I appreciate working with him and I thank him very much for this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

## APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1047, MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2003

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1047) to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois? The Chair hears none, and without objection, appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: MESSRS. THOMAS, CRANE, SHAW, RANGEL, and LEVIN.

There was no objection.

## REPUBLICANS WIN GREAT CONGRESSIONAL SHOOTOUT

(Mr. HAYES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, believe it or not, this House works together on a bipartisan basis on a number of things.

This past Monday my colleague and cochair of the Sportsmen's Caucus, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON), and I got together and enjoyed a wonderful day afield. The Sportsmen's Caucus is the largest group of a bipartisan nature on the Hill for anyone who enjoys the out-of-doors.

In this particular instance, it was the Great Congressional Shootout. Fortunately, the Republicans won, but our Democratic friends, including the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) who was top gun for the Democrats and the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM), top gun for our side, did a great job.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague and cochairman the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from North Carolina for yielding.

I too want to express appreciation to everyone in the Sportsmen's Caucus

who came out, put aside the partisan battles and entered into some good fun and sportsmanship in advance of the shooting sports and to congratulate everyone who participated.

This year we had a record turnout, 13 Democrats, 13 Republicans. Most important, a whole group of new Members who came out had never participated in the event in the past. Next year, I would only ask that you not spray the Democrats' targets with the bullet-proof spray paint so we have at least a chance.

Mr. HAYES. I thank my colleague and I thank everyone who participated. Our cochairs, also, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BOSWELL) for the Democrats and the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) on our side.

## PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 4200, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to file a supplemental report on H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 for the purpose of providing the Ramseyer Report as prepared by the House Office of Legislative Counsel.

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

There was no objection.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4200.

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

There was no objection.

## PERMISSION TO INCLUDE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES ON H.R. 4200, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a letter from the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), regarding section 585 of H.R. 4200, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, and my response, and ask that it be printed as part of the debate on H.R. 4200.

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

There was no objection.