

February 7, 2006. It was a great triumph for the country to hold “free and fair” presidential and legislative elections. Reports were that the elections were peaceful and that 60 percent, over 2.2 million Haitians, many who stood in line for 6 hours or more, participated. This election is a great advancement of a return to normalcy for this great country and its stupendous citizens.

This is a pivotal point in history for Haiti and the world. I now call on the international community, with the U.S. in the lead, to support democracy in this determined country. I am hopeful that this first step will serve as the beginning of national reconciliation of democracy as well as social and economic development for Haiti.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of H. Con. Res. 353.

I think it is important for this House to recognize the Republic of Haiti for recently holding successful, democratic elections, and to congratulate President-elect René García Préal on his electoral victory.

Haiti is the world's oldest Black republic and the second-oldest republic in the Western Hemisphere, after the United States. While street violence, kidnappings, and political instability have plagued Haiti in recent years, and are still threats, the democratic will of the people persevered and elections were embraced by the nation.

The presidential and legislative elections on February 7, 2006 saw unprecedented voter turnout. A member of my staff traveled to Haiti as an election monitor. Many Haitians were required to walk for miles to their designated voting centers and then were forced to wait for hours in line; nonetheless, more than 60 percent of those registered exercised their right to vote and participated in electing a new, democratic government.

This election marks a significant moment in Haiti; it not only serves as the basis of hope along the road to democracy, but also serves as a testament to the resolve and character of the Haitian people during their long struggle for peace, reconciliation, and prosperity.

Now is the time for the United States to commit itself to long-term support to Haiti. The task facing President-elect Préal is daunting; he must establish a new government, reform the judiciary, establish and maintain domestic order, create jobs, jumpstart the economy, and end Haiti's endemic malnutrition and crushing poverty. In the past, this Congress has turned a deaf ear to Haiti's needs—specifically by not passing the Haiti Economic Recovery Opportunity Act, which I have introduced in this Congress, along with Senator MIKE DEWINE in the Senate. It is my hope that President-elect Préal's election will mark a new, more supportive era in Haitian-American relations, in this Congress and in this administration.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 353.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 4882, by the yeas and nays;

S. 2120, by the yeas and nays.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER ENFORCEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4882, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4882, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 4, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 68]

YEAS—404

Abercrombie	Bonner	Chabot	Diaz-Balart, L.	King (IA)	Pickering
Ackerman	Bono	Chandler	Diaz-Balart, M.	King (NY)	Pitts
Aderholt	Boozman	Chocola	Dicks	Kingston	Platts
Akin	Boren	Clay	Dingell	Kirk	Poe
Alexander	Boucher	Cleaver	Doggett	Kline	Pombo
Allen	Boustany	Clyburn	Doolittle	Knollenberg	Pomeroy
Andrews	Bradley (NH)	Coble	Doyle	Kolbe	Porter
Baca	Brady (PA)	Cole (OK)	Drake	Kucinich	Price (GA)
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Conaway	Dreier	Kuhl (NY)	Price (NC)
Baird	Brown (OH)	Conyers	Duncan	LaHood	Pryce (OH)
Baker	Brown (SC)	Cooper	Edwards	Langevin	Putnam
Baldwin	Brown, Corrine	Costa	Ehlers	Lantos	Radanovich
Barrett (SC)	Brown-Waite,	Costello	Emanuel	Larsen (WA)	Rahall
Barrow	Ginny	Cramer	Emerson	Larson (CT)	Ramstad
Bartlett (MD)	Burgess	Crenshaw	Engel	Latham	Rangel
Barton (TX)	Burton (IN)	Cubin	English (PA)	LaTourette	Regula
Bass	Butterfield	Cuellar	Eshoo	Leach	Rehberg
Bean	Buyer	Culberson	Etheridge	Lee	Reichert
Becerra	Calvert	Cummings	Everett	Levin	Renzi
Berkley	Camp (MI)	Davis (AL)	Farr	Lewis (CA)	Reyes
Berman	Camp (CA)	Davis (CA)	Fattah	Lewis (GA)	Reynolds
Berry	Cannon	Davis (IL)	Feeney	Lewis (KY)	Rogers (AL)
Biggert	Cantor	Davis (KY)	Ferguson	Linder	Rogers (KY)
Bilirakis	Capito	Davis (TN)	Filner	Lipinski	Rogers (MI)
Bishop (GA)	Capps	Davis, Jo Ann	Flake	LoBiondo	Rohrabacher
Bishop (NY)	Cardin	Davis, Tom	Foley	Lofgren, Zoe	Ros-Lehtinen
Bishop (UT)	Cardoza	Davis, Tom	Fortenberry	Lowey	Ross
Blackburn	Carnahan	DeFazio	Fossella	Lucas	Rothman
Blunt	Carson	DeGette	Frank (MA)	Lungren, Daniel	Roybal-Allard
Boehlert	Carter	Delahunt	Frank (AZ)	E.	Royce
Boehner	Case	DeLauro	Franks (AZ)	Lynch	Ruppersberger
Bonilla	Castle	Dent	Frelinghuysen	Mack	Ryan (OH)
			Gallegly	Maloney	Ryan (WI)
			Garrett (NJ)	Manzullo	Ryun (KS)
			Gerlach	Markey	Sabo
			Gilchrest	Marshall	Salazar
			Gingrey	Matheson	Sánchez, Linda
			Gohmert	Matsui	T.
			Gonzalez	McCarthy	Sanchez, Loretta
			Goode	McCaul (TX)	Sanders
			Goodlatte	McCollum (MN)	Saxton
			Granger	McCotter	Schakowsky
			Graves	McCrery	Schiff
			Green (WI)	McDermott	Schmidt
			Green, Al	McGovern	Schwartz (PA)
			Green, Gene	McHenry	Schwarz (MI)
			Grijalva	McHugh	Scott (GA)
			Gutierrez	McIntyre	Scott (VA)
			Gutknecht	McKeon	Sensenbrenner
			Hall	McKinney	Serrano
			Harman	McMorris	Sessions
			Harris	McNulty	Shadegg
			Hart	Meehan	Shaw
			Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Shays
			Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)	Sherman
			Hayes	Melancon	Sherwood
			Hayworth	Mica	Shimkus
			Hefley	Michaud	Shuster
			Hensarling	Millender	Simmons
			Hерger	McDonald	Simpson
			Herseth	Miller (FL)	Skelton
			Higgins	Miller (MI)	Slaughter
			Hinchev	Miller (NC)	Smith (NJ)
			Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Smith (TX)
			Hobson	Miller, George	Smith (WA)
			Hoekstra	Mollohan	Snyder
			Holden	Moore (KS)	Sodrel
			Holt	Moore (WI)	Solis
			Honda	Moran (KS)	Souder
			Hooley	Moran (VA)	Spratt
			Hostettler	Murphy	Stark
			Hoyer	Murtha	Stearns
			Hulshof	Myrick	Strickland
			Hunter	Nadler	Stupak
			Hyde	Napolitano	Sullivan
			Inglis (SC)	Neal (MA)	Tancredo
			Inslee	Neugebauer	Tanner
			Israel	Ney	Tauscher
			Issa	Northup	Taylor (MS)
			Jackson (IL)	Norwood	Taylor (NC)
			Jackson-Lee	Nussle	Thomas
			(TX)	Oberstar	Thompson (CA)
			Jefferson	Obey	Thompson (MS)
			Jindal	Oliver	Thornberry
			Johnson (CT)	Osborne	Tiahrt
			Johnson (IL)	Otter	Tiberi
			Johnson, E. B.	Owens	Tierney
			Johnson, Sam	Oxley	Towns
			Jones (NC)	Pallone	Turner
			Jones (OH)	Pascrell	Udall (CO)
			Kanjorski	Pastor	Udall (NM)
			Kaptur	Paul	Upton
			Keller	Payne	Van Hollen
			Kelly	Pearce	Velázquez
			Kennedy (MN)	Pelosi	Vislosky
			Kennedy (RI)	Pence	Walden (OR)
			Kildeer	Peterson (MN)	Walsh
			Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson (PA)	Wamp
			Kind	Petri	

Wasserman Weldon (FL) Wilson (SC)
Schultz Weldon (PA) Wolf
Waters Westmoreland Woolsey
Watson Wexler Wynn
Watt Wicker Young (AK)
Weiner Wilson (NM) Young (FL)

NAYS—4

Blumenauer Weller
Waxman Wu

NOT VOTING—24

Beauprez Fitzpatrick (PA) Marchant
Boswell Forbes Musgrave
Boyd Ford Nunes
Capuano Gibbons Ortiz
Crowley Gillmor Rush
Davis (FL) Gordon Sweeney
Deal (GA) Istook Terry
Evans Jenkins Whitfield

□ 1854

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by designating a site for a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MILK REGULATORY EQUITY ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, S. 2120.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2120, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 285, nays 128, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 69]

YEAS—285

Ackerman Cannon Dent
Akin Cantor Diaz-Balart, L.
Allen Capito Diaz-Balart, M.
Andrews Dingell
Baca Cardin Doolittle
Baird Cardoza Drake
Barrett (SC) Carnahan Duncan
Barrow Carson Edwards
Bartlett (MD) Carter Ehlers
Barton (TX) Case Emanuel
Bass Castle Engel
Bean Chabot English (PA)
Becerra Chandler Eshoo
Berkley Chocoma Etheridge
Berman Cleaver Everett
Berry Coble Farr
Bishop (UT) Conaway Fattah
Blackburn Cooper Feeney
Boehlert Costa Finer
Boehner Costello Fitzpatrick (PA)
Boozman Crenshaw Flake
Boren Crowley Foley
Boucher Cubin Fortenberry
Boustany Cuellar Fossella
Bradley (NH) Cummings Foxx
Brown (OH) Davis (AL) Franks (AZ)
Brown (SC) Davis (CA) Gallegly
Brown, Corrine Davis (KY) Garrett (NJ)
Burgess Davis (TN) Gerlach
Burton (IN) Davis, Jo Ann Gilchrist
Buyer Davis, Tom Gingrey
Camp (MI) DeGette Gohmert

Gonzalez Marshall Ryan (WI)
Goode Matheson Ryan (KS)
Goodlatte Matsui Sabo
Graves McCaul (TX) Salazar
Green (WI) McCollum (MN) Sánchez, Linda
Green, Al McCotter T.
Green, Gene McHugh Sanchez, Loretta
Grijalva McIntyre Sanders
Gutierrez McMorris Schakowsky
Gutknecht McNulty Schiff
Hall Meehan Schmidt
Harman Melancon Schwartz (PA)
Harris Mica Schwarz (MI)
Hart Michaud Scott (VA)
Hastings (WA) Miller (MI) Sensenbrenner
Hayes Miller, Gary Sessions
Hayworth Miller, George Shadegg
Hensarling Moore (KS) Shays
Herger Moran (KS) Sherman
Herseth Murphy Sherwood
Higgins Myrick Shimkus
Hinojosa Napolitano Shuster
Hoekstra Neugebauer Simmons
Holden Ney Simpson
Honda Northup Skelton
Hostettler Norwood Slaughter
Hoyer Nunes Smith (TX)
Hulshof Nussle Sodrel
Inglis (SC) Oberstar Solis
Inslee Ortiz Souder
Israel Osborne Spratt
Issa Otter Stearns
Jindal Owens Strickland
Johnson (CT) Oxley Sullivan
Johnson (IL) Pastor Tanner
Johnson, Sam Pearce Tauscher
Jones (NC) Pelosi Taylor (MS)
Kanjorski Pence Thomas
Keller Peterson (MN) Thompson (CA)
Kelly Peterson (PA) Thompson (MS)
Kennedy (MN) Petri Thornberry
Kildee Pickering Tiahrt
Kind Pitts Tiberi
King (IA) Platts Turner
King (NY) Poe Udall (NM)
Kline Pombo Upton
Kuhl (NY) Pomeroy Van Hollen
Lantos Porter Velázquez
Larsen (WA) Price (GA) Walden (OR)
Latham Price (NC) Wamp
Leach Pryce (OH) Wasserman
Levin Putnam Schultz
Lewis (GA) Radanovich Waters
Lewis (KY) Ramstad Watt
Linder Reichert Weiner
Lipinski Renzi Weldon (PA)
Lofgren, Zoe Reyes Westmoreland
Lowey Reynolds Wexler
Lucas Rogers (AL) Whitfield
Lungren, Daniel Ross Rogers (MI) Wilson (NM)
E. Roybal-Allard Wilson (SC)
Mack Ruppersberger Wu
Manzullo Ryan (OH) Wynn

NAYS—128

Abercrombie Dicks LaTourette
Aderholt Doggett Lee
Alexander Doyle Lewis (CA)
Bachus Dreier LoBiondo
Baker Emerson Lynch
Baldwin Ferguson Maloney
Biggett Frank (MA) Markey
Bilirakis Frelinghuysen McCarthy
Bishop (GA) Granger McCrery
Bishop (NY) Hastings (FL) McDermott
Blunt Hefley McGovern
Bonilla Hobson McHenry
Bonner Holt McKeon
Bono Hooley McKinney
Brady (PA) Hunter Meek (FL)
Brady (TX) Hyde Meeks (NY)
Brown-Waite, Jackson (IL) Millender-
Ginny Jackson-Lee McDonald
Butterfield (TX) Miller (FL)
Calvert Jefferson Miller (NC)
Campbell (CA) Jones, E. B. Mollohan
Clay Jones (OH) Moore (WI)
Clayburn Kaptur Moran (VA)
Cole (OK) Kennedy (RI) Murtha
Conyers Kilpatrick (MI) Nadler
Cramer Kingston Neale (MA)
Culberson Kirk Obey
Davis (IL) Knollenberg Oliver
DeFazio Kolbe Pallone
Delahunt Kucinich Pascrell
DeLauro LaHood Paul
DeLay Langevin Payne
Larson (CT) Larson (CT) Rahall

Rangel Shaw Visclosky
Regula Smith (NJ) Walsh
Rehberg Smith (WA) Watson
Rogers (KY) Snyder Waxman
Rohrabacher Stark Weldon (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen Stupak Weller
Rothman Tancredo Wicker
Royce Taylor (NC) Wolf
Saxton Tierney Young (AK)
Scott (GA) Towns Young (FL)
Serrano Udall (CO)

NOT VOTING—19

Beauprez Forbes Marchant
Boswell Ford Musgrave
Boyd Gibbons Rush
Capuano Gillmor Sweeney
Davis (FL) Gordon Terry
Deal (GA) Istook
Evans Jenkins

□ 1911

Mrs. MALONEY changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. SHAYS, SCOTT of Virginia, GREEN of Wisconsin, and HOYER changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4200

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 4200.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 4297, the tax reconciliation conference report.

The form of the motion is as follows:

I move that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4297 be instructed—

(1) to insist on the provisions of section 106 of the Senate amendment (relating to extension and increase in minimum tax relief to individuals),

(2) to recede from the provisions of the House bill that extend the lower tax rate on dividends and capital gains that would otherwise terminate at the close of 2008, and

(3) to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference, to insist on a conference report which will neither increase the Federal budget deficit nor increase the amount of the debt subject to the public debt limit.

TRIBUTE TO BUCK OWENS

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1