

CLYDE L. HILLHOUSE POST OFFICE BUILDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3667.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3667.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 386, noes 0, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 913]

AYES—386

Ackerman Castle Fudge  
 Adler (NJ) Castor (FL) Gallegly  
 Akin Chaffetz Garamendi  
 Alexander Chandler Garrett (NJ)  
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 Andrews Chu Gingrey (GA)  
 Arcuri Clarke Gohmert  
 Austria Clay Goodlatte  
 Baca Cleaver Gordon (TN)  
 Bachmann Clyburn Granger  
 Bachus Coble Grayson  
 Baird Coffman (CO) Green, Al  
 Baldwin Cohen Green, Gene  
 Bartlett Cole Guthrie  
 Barton (TX) Conaway Gutierrez  
 Bean Connolly (VA) Hall (TX)  
 Becerra Cooper Halvorson  
 Berkley Costa Hare  
 Berman Costello Harper  
 Berry Courtney Hastings (FL)  
 Biggert Crenshaw Hastings (WA)  
 Bilbray Crowley Heinrich  
 Bilirakis Cuellar Heller  
 Bishop (GA) Culberson Hensarling  
 Bishop (NY) Cummings Heger  
 Bishop (UT) Dahlkemper Herseth Sandlin  
 Blackburn Davis (AL) Higgins  
 Blumenauer Davis (CA) Hill  
 Boccieri Davis (TN) Himes  
 Boehner DeFazio Hinchey  
 Bonner DeGette Hinojosa  
 Bono Mack Delahunt Hirono  
 Boozman DeLauro Hodes  
 Boren Dent Hoekstra  
 Boswell Diaz-Balart, L. Holden  
 Boucher Diaz-Balart, M. Holt  
 Boustany Dicks Hoyer  
 Boyd Doggett Hunter  
 Brady (PA) Donnelly (IN) Inglis  
 Brady (TX) Doyle Inslee  
 Bright Dreier Israel  
 Broun (GA) Driehaus Issa  
 Brown (SC) Duncan Jackson (IL)  
 Brown, Corrine Edwards (MD) Jackson-Lee  
 Brown-Waite, Edwards (TX) (TX)  
 Ginny Ehlers Jenkins  
 Buchanan Ellison Johnson (GA)  
 Burgess Ellsworth Johnson (IL)  
 Burton (IN) Emerson Johnson, E. B.  
 Butterfield Engel Johnson, Sam  
 Buyer Eshoo Jones  
 Calvert Etheridge Jordan (OH)  
 Camp Fallin Kagen  
 Campbell Fattah Kanjorski  
 Cantor Filner Kaptur  
 Cao Fleming Kennedy  
 Capito Forbes Kildee  
 Capps Fortenberry Kilpatrick (MI)  
 Cardoza Foster Kilroy  
 Carnahan Foxx Kind  
 Carson (IN) Frank (MA) King (IA)  
 Carter Franks (AZ) King (NY)  
 Cassidy Frelinghuysen Kirkpatrick (AZ)

Kissell Nadler (NY)  
 Klein (FL) Napolitano  
 Kline (MN) Neal (MA)  
 Kosmas Neugebauer  
 Kratovil Nunes  
 Kucinich Nye  
 Lamborn Oberstar  
 Lance Obey  
 Langevin Olson  
 Latham Oliver  
 LaTourette Ortiz  
 Latta Owens  
 Lee (CA) Pallone  
 Lee (NY) Pascrell  
 Levin Pastor (AZ)  
 Lewis (CA) Paul  
 Lewis (GA) Paulsen  
 Linder Pence  
 Lipinski Perlmutter  
 LoBiondo Perriello  
 Loeb sack Peters  
 Lofgren, Zoe Peterson  
 Lowey Petri  
 Lucas Pingree (ME)  
 Luetkemeyer Pitts  
 Lujan Platts  
 Lummis Poe (TX)  
 Lynch Polis (CO)  
 Mack Pomeroy  
 Maffei Posey  
 Maloney Price (GA)  
 Manzullo Price (NC)  
 Marchant Putnam  
 Markey (CO) Radanovich  
 Markey (MA) Rahall  
 Massa Rangel  
 Matheson Reichert  
 Matsui Reyes  
 McCarthy (CA) Richardson  
 McCarthy (NY) Rodriguez  
 McCaul Roe (TN)  
 McClintock Rogers (AL)  
 McCotter Rogers (KY)  
 McDermott Rogers (MI)  
 McGovern Rohrabacher  
 McHenry Rooney  
 McIntyre Ros-Lehtinen  
 McKeon Roskam  
 McMahan Ross  
 McMorris Rothman (NJ)  
 Rodgers Roybal-Allard  
 McNeerney Royce  
 Meeks (NY) Ruppersberger  
 Melancon Ryan (OH)  
 Mica Ryan (WI)  
 Michaud Salazar  
 Miller (FL) Sanchez, Linda  
 Miller (MI) T.  
 Miller (NC) Sarbanes  
 Miller, Gary Scalise  
 Miller, George Schakowsky  
 Mitchell Schauer  
 Moore (KS) Schiff  
 Moore (WI) Schmidt  
 Murphy (NY) Schock  
 Murphy, Patrick Schrader  
 Murphy, Tim Schwartz  
 Myrick Scott (GA)

Scott (VA)  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Sestak  
 Shadegg  
 Shea-Porter  
 Sherman  
 Shuler  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sires  
 Skelton  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (NE)  
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 Smith (TX)  
 Smith (WA)  
 Snyder  
 Souder  
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 Speier  
 Spratt  
 Stearns  
 Stupak  
 Sullivan  
 Sutton  
 Taylor  
 Teague  
 Terry  
 Thompson (CA)  
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 Tsongas  
 Turner  
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 Van Hollen  
 Rooney  
 Velázquez  
 Visclosky  
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 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
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 Waxman  
 Weiner  
 Welch  
 Westmoreland  
 Whitfield  
 Wilson (OH)  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wittman  
 Wolf  
 Woolsey  
 Wu  
 Yarmuth  
 Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—48

Abercrombie  
 Aderholt  
 Barrett (SC)  
 Barrow  
 Blunt  
 Braley (IA)  
 Capuano  
 Carney  
 Conyers  
 Davis (IL)  
 Davis (KY)  
 Deal (GA)  
 Dingell  
 Farr  
 Flake  
 Gerlach  
 Gonzalez  
 Graves  
 Griffith  
 Grijalva  
 Hall (NY)  
 Harman  
 Honda  
 Kingston  
 Kirk  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 Lungren, Daniel  
 E.  
 Marshall  
 McCollum  
 Meek (FL)  
 Minnick  
 Mollohan

Moran (KS)  
 Moran (VA)  
 Murphy (CT)  
 Murtha  
 Payne  
 Quigley  
 Rehberg  
 Rush  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Shimkus  
 Stark  
 Tanner  
 Wamp  
 Wexler  
 Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on December 1, 2009, I was called away on personal business. I regret that I was not present for the following votes:

On the passage of H.R. 3029. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On the passage of H. Res. 727. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On the passage of H.R. 3667. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. If I was present, I would have voted:

“Yea” on rollcall 911, agreeing to H.R. 3029—To establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems.

“Yea” on rollcall 912, agreeing to H. Res. 727—Expressing support for greater awareness of ovarian cancer.

“Aye” on rollcall 913, agreeing to H.R. 3667—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the “Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, I was unable to vote due to my attendance at the President’s speech on Afghanistan at West Point.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 911—“nay”—H.R. 3029, to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems.

On rollcall No. 912—“yea”—H. Res. 727, expressing support for greater awareness of ovarian cancer.

On rollcall No. 913—“aye”—H.R. 3667, to designate the “Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building” in White Springs, Florida.

2009 WORLD AIDS DAY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, December 1 marks World AIDS Day.

Thirty-three million people live with HIV/AIDS worldwide. This terrible disease is one of the most destructive epidemics of our time. The fight against HIV/AIDS is ultimately about individual lives in our communities.

In south Florida I’m pleased to have strong allies such as UNITY COALITION and its president, Herb Sosa; Men Initiating Action & Mobilization for Impactful Change, otherwise known as MIAMI; Ambiente Magazine; South Beach AIDS Project; Union Positiva;

the University of Miami; Care Resource; Pridelines; Jackson Hospital; and all who are in the fight against this global menace.

United, and through greater awareness, research, prevention, and treatment, we will save and improve countless lives and stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

#### RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEDICAL DEVICES CENTER

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great example of the academic and business communities working together to create new lifesaving technologies.

The Medical Devices Center at the University of Minnesota is a shining example of what can happen when innovation is encouraged and sought out by an educational institution and aided by partnership.

Last week I visited the University's Medical Devices Center and learned about this unique program that focuses on development of devices that have the strongest lifesaving impacts, partnering with others to also bring these products to market in the fastest manner possible. And you know what? The results speak for themselves.

From just 1 year in the fellowship program, we've had 15 new provisional patents, 12 new available technologies, one licensing deal with a local business, and one new startup among the program's fellows.

The center's collaborative approach between academics and business makes this a valuable program as well as a model for both Minnesota and the entire Nation to follow.

#### THE PROTRACTED WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

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

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, as we await the President's speech regarding Afghanistan, there's a point that I wanted to make; and as is so often the case, that point is better made by somebody else. So I yield to Chinese General Sun Tzu, who wrote the following words 2,500 years ago:

"In war victory should be swift.

"If victory is slow, men tire, morale sags. Sieges exhaust strength; protracted campaigns strain the public treasury.

"If men are tired, morale low, strength exhausted, treasure spent, then the feudal lords will exploit the disarray and attack. This even the wisest will be powerless to mend.

"I have heard that in war, haste can be folly. But never have I seen a delay that was wise.

"No nation has ever benefited from a protracted war."

Mr. Speaker, that was true 2,500 years ago, and it's true today. We do not benefit from the protracted war in Afghanistan.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH REGARDING AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, tonight the President is going to say in his speech, and I just got part of it, that his sending 30,000 American troops over there is a step in the right direction for stabilizing Afghanistan. But then he goes on and he says it will allow us to begin the transfer of our forces out of Afghanistan in July of 2011.

The one thing that you should never do is telegraph your punch. I can't imagine why the President is saying in his speech tonight he's going to start withdrawing our troops in July of 2011. Even if he plans to do that, he shouldn't say it, because he's telling our enemies exactly what we're going to do, and it's just wrong. And every military officer I have ever met will tell you the same thing.

#### NATIONAL MEDAL AWARD FOR STARK COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the Stark County District Library, located in Canton, Ohio.

On October 6, 2009, the Institute of Museum and Library Science selected the Stark County District Library to receive the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This is the Nation's highest recognition for library excellence and service to the surrounding community.

The Stark County District Library has served our county for 125 years, and the staff there set a fine example of leadership throughout that time by responding to the changing needs of our community. I know firsthand the friendly faces that fill the library and the great lengths to which the staff goes to provide resources for our community.

Despite budget cuts and other economic hardships, the Stark County District Library maintains the highest quality of service, making sure our communities have access to materials they want and need. Through early literacy efforts for mothers and their children and theater programs for Stark County kids and employment assistance classes and job fairs, the district library is able to fulfill its mission of inspiring ideas, enriching lives, and creating a stronger community.

This national medal confirms the Stark County District Library's commitment to our community.

#### WORLD AIDS DAY AND AFGHANISTAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge today, December 1, as World AIDS Day when all of us focus on that devastating disease. I'd like to pay a special tribute to the Thomas Street Clinic in Houston, Texas, that for decades has served the hopeless and sometimes the helpless. I am so very glad that they are giving people life and opportunity.

Thank you, Thomas Street Clinic. And I was delighted to introduce legislation in support of them.

Mr. Speaker, on another topic very quickly, let me suggest that the President has been deliberative and thoughtful. It is interesting that those who criticize created the devastation and the havoc that is going on now in Afghanistan by taking away from our focus on Afghanistan after 9/11 and focusing on Iraq, a distracting war. Yet we love those who served, and we mourn for those we have lost.

We now want not to mourn for more. We want to find a way that we can introduce diplomacy, democracy, and getting the Government in Afghanistan to take care of its own people.

This is a war of insurgents. This is a civil war. And, therefore, we must find a way to handle this in a manner that serves all.

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#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS OFFER A BETTER PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, President Obama will talk to the American people about Afghanistan tonight. He is expected to announce a major new escalation of the conflict. I believe President Obama's apparent decision to send tens of thousands more troops to Afghanistan is a mistake, and I believe that because the past years have taught us that there is no military solution to Afghanistan. That's why I've urged the President to change our mission and to emphasize diplomacy, economic development and humanitarian aid as the best way to stop violent extremism in Afghanistan.

As a Californian, I'm proud to say that the California Democratic Party has passed a resolution that also urges President Obama to change course in Afghanistan. I want to recognize, and I want to thank my friends at the Progressive Democrats of America and the