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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
In You, Lord, we find the fullness of life. You guide us daily on the path that leads to salvation.

Send the power of Your Holy Spirit upon us, that this Congress will prove faithful to its constitutional commitments, and bring peace and security to the people of this Nation.

Empower Your people to do Your will so that we will place all the more our trust in You, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DRIEHAUS). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) the whole number of the House is 431.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Monday, May 24, 2010, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information.

Neil Abercrombie*, Gary L. Ackerman, Robert B. Aderholt, John H. Adler, W. Todd Akin, Rodney Alexander, Jason Altmire, Robert E. Andrews, Michael A. Arcuri, Steve Austria, Joe Baca, Michele Bachmann, Spencer Bachus, Brian Baird, Tammy Baldwin, J. Gresham Barrett, John Barrow, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Joe Barton, Melissa L. Bean, Xavier Becerra, Shelley Berkley, Howard L. Berman, Marion Berry, Judy Biggett, Brian P. Bilbray, Gus M. Bilirakis, Rob Bishop, Sanford D. Bishop Jr., Timothy H. Bishop, Marsha Blackburn, Earl Blumenauer, Roy Blunt, John A. Boccieri, John A. Boehner, Jo Bonner, Mary Bono Mack, John Boozman, Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Dan Boren, Leonard

L. Boswell, Rick Boucher, Charles W. Boustany Jr., Allen Boyd, Bruce L. Braley, Kevin Brady, Robert A. Brady, Bobby Bright, Paul C. Broun, Corrine Brown, Ginny Brown-Waite, Henry E. Brown Jr., Vern Buchanan, Michael C. Burgess, Dan Burton, G.K. Butterfield, Steve Buyer, Ken Calvert, Dave Camp, John Campbell, Eric Cantor, Anh "Joseph" Cao, Shelley Moore Capito, Lois Capps, Michael E. Capuano, Dennis A. Cardoza, Russ Carnahan, Christopher P. Carney, André Carson, John R. Carter, Bill Cassidy, Michael N. Castle, Kathy Castor, Jason Chaffetz, Ben Chandler, Travis W. Childers, Judy Chu, Donna M. Christensen, Yvette D. Clarke, Wm. Lacy Clay, Emanuel Cleaver, James E. Clyburn, Howard Coble, Mike Coffman, Steve Cohen, Tom Cole, K. Michael Conaway, Gerald E. Connolly, John Conyers Jr., Jim Cooper, Jim Costa, Jerry F. Costello, Joe Courtney, Ander Crenshaw, Mark S. Critz, Joseph Crowley, Henry Cuellar, John Abney Culberson, Elijah E. Cummings, Kathleen A. Dahlkemper, Artur Davis, Danny K. Davis, Geoff Davis, Lincoln Davis, Susan A. Davis, Nathan Deal*, Peter A. DeFazio, Diana DeGette, Bill Delahunt, Rosa L. DeLauro, Charles W. Dent, Theodore E. Deutch, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Mario Diaz-Balart, Norman D. Dicks, John D. Dingell, Lloyd Doggett, Joe Donnelly, Michael F. Doyle, David Dreier, Steve Driehaus, John J. Duncan Jr., Chet Edwards, Donna F. Edwards, Vernon J. Ehlers, Keith Ellison, Brad Ellsworth, Jo Ann Emerson, Eliot L. Engel, Anna G. Eshoo, Bob Etheridge, Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Mary Fallin, Sam Farr, Chaka Fattah, Bob Filner, Jeff Flake, John Fleming, J. Randy Forbes, Jeff Fortenberry, Bill Foster, Virginia Foxx, Barney Frank, Trent Franks, Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Marcia L. Fudge, Elton Gallegly, John Garamendi, Scott Garrett, Jim Gerlach, Gabrielle Giffords, Kirsten E. Gillibrand*, Phil Gingrey, Louie Gohmert, Bob Goodlatte, Charles A. Gonzalez, Bart Gordon, Kay Granger, Sam Graves, Alan Grayson, Al

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Green, Gene Green, Parker Griffith, Raúl M. Grijalva, Brett Guthrie, Luis V. Gutierrez, John J. Hall, Ralph M. Hall, Deborah L. Halvorson, Phil Hare, Jane Harman, Gregg Harper, Alcee L. Hastings, Doc Hastings, Martin Heinrich, Dean Heller, Jeb Hensarling, Wally Herger, Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, Brian Higgins, Baron P. Hill, James A. Himes, Maurice D. Hinchey, Rubén Hinojosa, Mazie Hirono, Paul W. Hodes, Peter Hoekstra, Tim Holden, Rush D. Holt, Michael M. Honda, Steny H. Hoyer, Duncan Hunter, Bob Inglis, Jay Inslee, Steve Israel, Darrell E. Issa, Jesse L. Jackson Jr., Sheila Jackson Lee, Lynn Jenkins, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson Jr., Sam Johnson, Timothy V. Johnson, Walter B. Jones, Jim Jordan, Steve Kagen, Paul E. Kanjorski, Marcy Kaptur, Patrick J. Kennedy, Dale E. Kildee, Carolyn C. Kilpatrick, Mary Jo Kilroy, Ron Kind, Peter T. King, Steve King, Jack Kingston, Mark Steven Kirk, Ann Kirkpatrick, Larry Kissell, Ron Klein, John Kline, Suzanne M. Kosmas, Frank Kratovil Jr., Doug Lamborn, Leonard Lance, James R. Langevin, Rick Larsen, John B. Larson, Tom Latham, Steven C. LaTourette, Robert E. Latta, Barbara Lee, Christopher John Lee, Sander M. Levin, Jerry Lewis, John Lewis, John Linder, Daniel Lipinski, Frank A. LoBiondo, David Loebsack, Zoe Lofgren, Nita M. Lowey, Frank D. Lucas, Blaine Luetkemeyer, Ben Ray Lujan, Cynthia M. Lummis, Daniel E. Lungren, Stephen F. Lynch, Carolyn McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Michael T. McCaul, Tom McClintock, Betty McCollum, Thaddeus G. McCotter, Jim McDermott, James P. McGovern, Patrick T. McHenry, John M. McHugh*, Mike McIntyre, Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, Michael E. McMahon, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Jerry McNerney, Connie Mack, Daniel B. Maffei, Carolyn B. Maloney, Donald A. Manzullo, Kenny Marchant, Betsy Markey, Edward J. Markey, Jim Marshall, Eric J.J. Massa*, Jim Matheson, Doris O. Matsui, Kendrick B. Meek, Gregory W. Meeks, Charlie Melancon, John L. Mica, Michael H. Michaud, Brad Miller, Candice S. Miller, Gary G. Miller, George Miller, Jeff Miller, Walt Minnick, Harry E. Mitchell, Alan B. Mollohan, Dennis Moore, Gwen Moore, James P. Moran, Jerry Moran, Christopher S. Murphy, Patrick J. Murphy, Scott Murphy, Tim Murphy, John P. Murtha*, Sue Wilkins Myrick, Jerrold Nadler, Grace F. Napolitano, Richard E. Neal, Randy Neugebauer, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Devin Nunes, Glenn C. Nye, James L. Oberstar, David R. Obey, John W. Oliver, Pete Olson, Solomon P. Ortiz, William L. Owens, Frank Pallone Jr., Bill Pascrell Jr., Ed Pastor, Ron Paul, Erik Paulsen, Donald M. Payne, Nancy Pelosi, Mike Pence, Ed Perlmutter, Thomas S.P. Perriello, Gary C. Peters, Collin C. Peterson, Thomas E. Petri, Pedro R. Pierluisi, Chellie Pingree, Joseph R. Pitts, Todd Russell Platts, Ted Poe, Jared Polis, Earl Pomeroy, Bill Posey, David E. Price, Tom Price, Adam H. Putnam, Mike Quigley, George Radanovich, Nick J. Rahall II, Charles B. Rangel, Denny Rehberg, David G. Reichert, Silvestre Reyes, Laura Richardson, Ciro D. Rodriguez, David P. Roe, Harold Rogers, Mike Rogers (AL-03), Mike Rogers (MI-08), Dana Rohrabacher, Thomas J. Rooney, Peter J. Roskam, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mike Ross, Steven R. Rothman, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Edward R. Royce, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, Bobby L. Rush, Paul Ryan, Tim Ryan, Gregorio Sablan, John T. Salazar, Linda T. Sánchez, Loretta Sanchez, John P. Sarbanes, Steve Scalise, Janice D. Schakowsky, Adam B. Schiff, Jean Schmidt, Aaron Schock, Kurt Schrader, Allyson Y. Schwartz, David Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., José E. Serrano, Pete Sessions, Joe Sestak, John B. Shadegg, Mark Shauer,

Carol Shea-Porter, Brad Sherman, John Shimkus, Heath Shuler, Bill Shuster, Michael K. Simpson, Albio Sires, Ike Skelton, Louise McIntosh Slaughter, Adam Smith, Adrian Smith, Christopher H. Smith, Lamar Smith, Vic Snyder, Hilda L. Solis*, Mark E. Souder, Zachary T. Space, Jackie Speier, John M. Spratt Jr., Bart Stupak, Cliff Stearns, John Sullivan, Betty Sutton, John S. Tanner, Ellen O. Tauscher*, Gene Taylor, Harry Teague, Lee Terry, Bennie G. Thompson, Glenn Thompson, Mike Thompson, Mac Thornberry, Todd Tiahrt, Patrick J. Tiberi, John F. Tierney, Dina Titus, Paul Tonko, Edolphus Towns, Niki Tsongas, Michael R. Turner, Fred Upton, Chris Van Hollen, Nydia M. Velázquez, Peter J. Visclosky, Greg Walden, Timothy J. Walz, Zach Wamp, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Maxine Waters, Diane Watson, Melvin L. Watt, Henry A. Waxman, Anthony D. Weiner, Peter Welch, Lynn A. Westmoreland, Robert Wexler*, Ed Whitfield, Charles A. Wilson, Joe Wilson, Robert J. Wittman, Frank R. Wolf, Lynn C. Woolsey, David Wu, John A. Yarmuth, C.W. Bill Young, Don Young

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7613. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Noxious Weeds; Old World Climbing Fern and Maidenhair Creeper [Docket No.: APHIS-2008-0097] received May 4, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7614. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Service Contract Surveillance (DFARS Case 2008-D032) (RIN: 0750-AG49) received April 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7615. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of contributions for defense programs, projects, and activities; Defense Co-operation Account", for the period ending March 31, 2010, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2608; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7616. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulatory Reporting Requirements for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program [Docket No.: FR-5232-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC79) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7617. A letter from the Deputy to the Chairman for External Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Amendment of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program To Extend the Transaction Account Guarantee Program With Opportunity To Opt Out (RIN: 3064-AD37) received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7618. A letter from the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Emergency Management for Higher Education Grant Program received April 26, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7619. A letter from the Acting Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits received May 11, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7620. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Civil Penalty Factors received April 26, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7621. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7622. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report detailing the activities of U.S. mentors and trainers as they relate to the progress of current police training programs in Afghanistan, pursuant to Public Law 110-53; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7623. A letter from the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting a copy of the Institution's audited financial statement for fiscal year 2009, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 57; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7624. A letter from the Assistant Secretary — Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Update of Revised and Reaffirmed Documents Incorporated by Reference [Docket ID: MMS-2008-OMM-0044] (RIN: 1010-AD54) received April 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7625. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Hawaii Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries; Fishery Closure (RIN: 0648-XU60) received April 26, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7626. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Tax Treatment of Health Care Benefits Provided With Respect to Children Under Age 27 [Notice 2010-38] received April 29, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7627. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting report entitled "Transportation's Role in Reducing U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions"; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SKELTON: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 5136. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 111-491). Referred to the

Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

291. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 109 memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to enact legislation that will result in meaningful reforms to the regulation of the financial services industry; to the Committee on Financial Services.

292. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32 supporting efforts whether state, local or private, to utilize outreach methods to contact, counsel, and refer veterans and their family members; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

132. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Kent City Council, Washington, relative to Resolution No. 1824 urging the Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to provide for

interim and permanent repairs to the Howard Hanson Dam; to the Committee on Appropriations.

133. Also, a petition of American Bar Association, Illinois, relative to Resolution 107 urging the Congress to enact legislation that would provide more effective remedies, procedures and protections to those subjected to pay discrimination; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and Labor.

134. Also, a petition of American Bar Association, Illinois, relative to Resolution 102A urging federal, state, territorial and local governments to increase the opportunities of youth involved with the juvenile or criminal justice systems; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and Labor.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JEANETTE ELDRIDGE
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE-
TIREMENT FROM 42 YEARS OF
FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 21, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Ms. Jeanette Eldridge, of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). Ms. Eldridge is retiring from the U.S. Government with 42 years of service, 32 of those years with NCIS. She started her career with NCIS as a Support Services Clerk (Typing) and has risen steadily through the ranks to her current leadership position as the Field Office Support Officer (FOSO) of the Norfolk Field Office.

Ms. Eldridge has set an outstanding example for government service. She has exceptional technical skills in many areas and a calm and graceful leadership style that make her a role model. She is a proactive manager and sets the standard by which others are measured. She is amazingly effective, while being a careful steward of the public's resources and trust. On behalf of the United States Government, I congratulate Jeanette on her well-deserved retirement and thank her for her service.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH W.
LUTER III

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 21, 2010

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joe Luter, on the occasion of his life-long dedication and contributions to Smithfield and Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Mr. Luter's commitment to the community he has called home for more than 70 years cannot be overstated. As a family man, business owner, community leader and philanthropist, his impact on the lives of thousands of people has been measurable and meaningful.

Mr. Luter graduated from Smithfield High School and went on to attend Wake Forest University, where he graduated from in 1962. Upon his graduation from college, he returned home to work in the family business, Smithfield Packing Company, and served as its president until 1970. After moving to Bayse, Virginia and developing Bryce Mountain Resort, Mr. Luter returned to Smithfield in 1975 as Chairman of the Board and CEO of Smithfield Foods, Inc., where he held that position until 2006.

Under his leadership, Smithfield Foods, Inc. has become a \$12.5 billion company that em-

ployes over 52,000 people world-wide. Mr. Luter's love for people and his community led to his creation of the Smithfield-Luter Foundation in 2002. In 8 short years, it has granted 74 scholarships worth over \$800,000. In addition, it donated \$5 million in 2005 to Christopher Newport University, an institution located just a few miles away from the town of Smithfield. In 2006, the Foundation announced a \$5 million gift for cancer research and treatment to the University of Virginia Health System in honor of longtime Smithfield employee Palmer Weber.

Tomorrow, the citizens of Smithfield and Isle of Wight County will honor Mr. Luter at the Grand Opening Dedication of Windsor Castle Park, a 210 acre riverside park located in the heart of downtown Smithfield. Mr. Luter's generous contribution made possible the purchase of 162 acres of farmland and development of the park, which he subsequently donated to the Town of Smithfield. Another 46 acres was gifted to the town by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McMurrin. The park includes a woodland trail system, picnic and play areas, a dog park, kayak and canoe launch, scenic overlook and the Windsor Castle Historic Site.

Madam Speaker, please join me and the citizens of Smithfield and Isle of Wight in offering our sincere gratitude to Mr. Luter for his exemplary service and commitment to his community.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
END OF THE SRI LANKAN CIVIL
WAR

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 21, 2010

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the end of Sri Lanka's civil war and call attention to the continued plight of the thousands of Sri Lankans who have been affected by the conflict.

One year ago this week, after more than 25 years of violence, the Sri Lankan military declared victory in its major military offensive against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). In so doing, it brought an end to one of the most devastating civil wars of the century, offering the Sri Lankan people hope of a brighter future characterized by peace, reconciliation, and economic prosperity for all citizens.

Unfortunately, this hope has yet to be realized. The Sri Lankan military's final offensive against the LTTE left hundreds of thousands of civilians—most of them Tamils—dislocated, deprived of basic necessities, and without effective legal or political recourse. Since the end of the conflict, the Sri Lankan government has blatantly and repeatedly defied the demands of the international community and

commonly accepted norms of justice and human rights by failing to reintegrate large numbers of Tamil citizens, denying access by journalists and humanitarian organizations to conflict-affected areas, and detaining former combatants indefinitely.

It has also become apparent that the Sri Lankan military may have committed serious abuses during the fighting itself, including the indiscriminate shelling of areas designated as civilian safe zones. A growing number of respected human rights organizations—including the International Crisis Group, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch—have called for an independent international investigation into potential war crimes, yet the Sri Lankan government has yet to open any meaningful inquiry into the allegations.

On this anniversary of the end of the civil war, I call on the government of Sri Lanka to act earnestly and expeditiously to grant safe passage home to the approximately 80,000 Tamil civilians who remain confined to camps, provide ex-combatants with appropriate legal recourse and a path toward reintegration, and end its restrictions on humanitarian and media organizations. It is also past time for the international community to pursue real accountability, including a credible, independent investigation into the potential abuses committed during the 2009 conflict. I urge the Obama Administration to play a leading role in this effort by calling for an investigation at the United Nations and maintaining current restrictions on U.S. foreign assistance to Sri Lanka until the government has demonstrated credible progress toward meeting the international community's demands.

If we do not act soon, this moment of opportunity for lasting peace, justice and reconciliation—which seemed so promising one year ago—may slip away forever.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 21, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 20, 2010, I was unable to participate in all of the day's votes due to a family emergency.

Had I been present I would have voted: on rollcall No. 289, "yes", H. Res. 1363, Granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into underground coal mining safety; on rollcall No. 290, "yes", H.R. 5128, To designate the Department of the Interior Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building."

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ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 21, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Endangered Species Day. I hope that events around the country continue to be successful. It is important to shed light on success stories about recovering species and the importance of continued protection of those at risk.

The protection of endangered species has become increasingly relevant in our country and around the world in the past century. In the early 1970s, Congress passed the Endangered Species Act to protect plant and animal life from reaching the brinks of extinction. This act has been further developed and amended since its original enactment to protect and preserve more species and the habitats they depend on.

To date, the Endangered Species Act has shown great progress and results. Almost 50 species have been recovered and delisted, while 23 other species have been reclassified from endangered to threatened. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Endangered Species Act has saved more than 99 percent of its listed species from extinction.

Endangered Species Day was created in 2006 to recognize the national conservation effort to protect our nation's endangered species and their habitats. Local zoos, schools, libraries, museums, and community organizations around the country have taken the opportunity to host educational activities and events to generate awareness about the importance of protecting endangered species worldwide.

In spite of these successes, we are still losing species at alarming rates. Worldwide, more than 16,000 species are threatened with extinction. Up to one-third of U.S. species are at increased risk of extinction, and more than 1,300 U.S. plants and animals have already

been federally listed as threatened or endangered, and protected under the Endangered Species Act.

As a Floridian, I am particularly concerned about endangered species in the Everglades. Florida has the third highest number of endangered species in the nation. Of the 108 species listed under the Endangered Species Act throughout Florida, 65 of them are located in the Everglades. If we do not act fast, we may lose some of our most incredible species, such as the Florida panther, the woodrat and the manatee.

Madam Speaker, it is crucial to protect the diversity of our planet's species and educate ourselves about the issues and challenges affecting these species and their habitats. Wildlife conservation must continue to be one of our top priorities. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Endangered Species Day and continuing to promote wildlife conservation.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills or resolutions introduced in the Record.

Additional Cosponsors:

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5136, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 111-491). **Pages H3706-07**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Souder, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 431.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING STANDARDS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Accounting and Auditing Standards: Pending Proposals and Emerging Issues." Testimony was heard from James Kroeker, Chief Accountant, SEC; and public witnesses.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4899, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act. At 4:45 p.m., Senate will proceed to consideration of Brownback and Hutchison motions to instruct conferees with respect to H.R. 4173, Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with a series of two roll call votes in relation to the motions at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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 Forbes, J. Randy, Va., E911
 Hastings, Alcee L., Fla., E912
 Nye, Glenn C., Va., E911
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