

unheard of, and was elected at large, one of the first African Americans elected at large to the Memphis City Council.

He was also a postal service employee and had a career there and rose through the ranks to director of personnel. For that reason, this House, and this week with the President's action, the post office at Third Street in Memphis, Tennessee, will be named the Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr., Postal Building. That is a tribute to his work and all postal employees.

He had a family of which the City of Memphis is proud. His son Kenneth, Jr., is a pastor and a member of the school board. His son Kirk Whalum is a world-renowned saxophonist, and his other son Kevin is a musician with a contract and a poet.

There have been many great families in the City of Memphis to get involved in politics, but none greater than the Whalums. The hair of the hypocrite never was upon this family, and the idea of discrimination and bigotry or intolerance never disgraced them either. He was a leader in biracial politics and activities in the City of Memphis. He was a leader in being bipartisan as well.

There have been few people like Kenneth Whalum, Sr., in the City of Memphis. There will be few to come. I share his loss greatly. He was a supporter of mine who, although he had a stroke and had difficulty walking, came down and did a political ad for me when he could hardly get up the stairs, and on television it was like an angel speaking. When JOHN CONYERS came to Memphis in February, he made it up a whole flight of stairs to see JOHN CONYERS, and a happier man I have not seen. He knew the post office was being named for him before he passed. I am happy he knew that and I am happy I knew him. We have lost a great leader.

NEW DIALOGUE NEEDED TO BRING TROOPS HOME

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

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, it is clear that President Bush has no intention of changing the course in Iraq in any way before he leaves office in January 2009. In fact, both the President and the Pentagon have recently said that they expect American combat troops to be in Iraq for another 10 years; and just yesterday the President requested an additional \$196 billion to fund the war in Iraq for the upcoming year.

The Democratic Congress rejects the notion that our troops are needed in Iraq for the next decade. If the Iraqi Government knows that we are going to be there for 10 years, they have absolutely no reason to make any of the tough political compromises that they promised they would make when the troop escalation began earlier this year. Instead, we support a responsible

redeployment out of Iraq so that the Iraqis can finally take control of their own fate and so that we are no longer sending more than \$2 billion there every week.

Madam Speaker, House Democrats are committed to bringing our troops home, but we can't do it alone. I hope this outrageous funding request serves as a wake-up call to my Republican friends and starts a new dialogue to bring our troops home.

DISCLOSE SALARIES OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

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

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, when will it end with Blackwater? Probably not soon enough. Just yesterday, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform released findings that show that Blackwater has potentially misclassified hundreds of workers in Iraq and Afghanistan, evading taxes and costing the taxpayers in the United States at least \$30 million. This comes a few weeks after the same committee discovered that Blackwater is raking in potentially \$100 million in profit off of their government contracts. We have got to get this situation under control.

That is why I, along with Mr. WELCH and Chairman WAXMAN, have introduced legislation to require that private government contractors receiving more than 80 percent of their revenue from Federal contracts, like Blackwater, must disclose the salaries of their most highly compensated employees.

It just isn't right for executives at Blackwater or anywhere else to make their fortune off of war profiteering. It is our money, and we deserve to know how it is being used.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this commonsense legislation.

QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 767) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 767

Whereas, United States soldiers and personnel in Iraq are fighting to protect innocent Americans from being attacked by al-Qaeda and radical jihadists who are determined to kill the American people.

Whereas, on October 18, 2007, in debate on H.R. 976, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, the Member from California, Mr. Stark, stated: "You don't have money to fund the war or children. But you're going to spend it to blow up innocent people if we can get enough kids to grow old enough for you to send to Iraq to get their heads blown off for the President' amusement."

Whereas, on October 18, 2007, in a press release, Rep. Pete Stark is quoted as saying: "I respect neither the Commander-in-Chief who keep them in harms way nor the chickenhawks in Congress."

Whereas, the Member from California, Mr. Stark, engaged in personally abusive language toward the President and Members of the House, including the use of language that impugns their motives.

Whereas, the Member from California, Mr. Stark dishonors not only the Commander-in-Chief, but the thousands of courageous men and women of America's armed forces who believe in their mission and are putting their lives on the line for our freedom and security.

Whereas, the Member from California, Mr. Stark, has failed to retract his statement and apologize to the Members of the House, our Commander-in-Chief, and the families of our soldiers and commanders fighting terror overseas.

Resolved, That the Member from California, Mr. Stark, by his despicable conduct, has dishonored himself and brought discredit to the House and merits the censure of the House for the same.

Resolved, The Member from California, Mr. Stark, is hereby so censured.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). The resolution presents a question of privilege.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 196, nays 173, answered "present" 8, not voting 55, as follows:

[Roll No. 986]

YEAS—196

Abercrombie	Conyers	Hall (NY)
Ackerman	Cooper	Hare
Allen	Costa	Harman
Andrews	Costello	Hastings (FL)
Arcuri	Courtney	Herseth Sandlin
Baca	Cramer	Higgins
Baird	Crowley	Hinchee
Baldwin	Cuellar	Hirono
Barrow	Davis (AL)	Hodes
Bean	Davis (CA)	Holt
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Honda
Berkley	DeFazio	Hooley
Berman	DeGette	Hoyer
Berry	Delahunt	Inslee
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Israel
Bishop (NY)	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Blumenauer	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Boswell	Doggett	(TX)
Boucher	Doyle	Jefferson
Boyd (FL)	Ellison	Johnson (GA)
Brady (PA)	Emanuel	Jones (OH)
Braley (IA)	Eshoo	Kagen
Brown, Corrine	Etheridge	Kanjorski
Capps	Farr	Kaptur
Capuano	Filner	Kennedy
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Kildee
Carnahan	Giffords	Kilpatrick
Castor	Gillibrand	Klein (FL)
Chandler	Gonzalez	Kucinich
Clarke	Gordon	Lampson
Clay	Green, Al	Langevin
Clyburn	Grijalva	Lantos
Cohen	Gutierrez	Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)	Ortiz	Smith (WA)
Lee	Pallone	Solis
Levin	Pascarell	Space
Lewis (GA)	Payne	Spratt
Lipinski	Perlmutter	Stark
Lofgren, Zoe	Peterson (MN)	Stupak
Lowey	Pomeroy	Sutton
Lynch	Price (NC)	Tanner
Maloney (NY)	Rahall	Tauscher
Markey	Rangel	Taylor
Marshall	Richardson	Thompson (CA)
Matheson	Rodriguez	Thompson (MS)
Matsui	Ross	Tierney
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Towns
McCollum (MN)	Ruppersberger	Tsongas
McDermott	Rush	Udall (CO)
McGovern	Ryan (OH)	Udall (NM)
McIntyre	Salazar	Van Hollen
McNerney	Sánchez, Linda	Velázquez
McNulty	T.	Visclosky
Meek (FL)	Sanchez, Loretta	Walz (MN)
Meeks (NY)	Sarbanes	Wasserman
Michaud	Schakowsky	Schultz
Miller (NC)	Schiff	Waters
Miller, George	Schwartz	Watson
Mitchell	Scott (GA)	Watt
Murphy (CT)	Scott (VA)	Weiner
Murphy, Patrick	Serrano	Welch (VT)
Nadler	Sestak	Wexler
Napolitano	Shea-Porter	Woolsey
Neal (MA)	Sherman	Wu
Oberstar	Sires	Yarmuth
Obey	Skelton	
Oliver	Slaughter	

NAYS—173

Aderholt	Fortenberry	Murphy, Tim
Alexander	Fox	Musgrave
Altmire	Franks (AZ)	Myrick
Bachmann	Frelinghuysen	Neugebauer
Bachus	Galleghy	Nunes
Baker	Garrett (NJ)	Pearce
Barrett (SC)	Gerlach	Pence
Bartlett (MD)	Gilchrest	Peterson (PA)
Barton (TX)	Gingrey	Petri
Biggert	Gohmert	Pitts
Bilbray	Goode	Porter
Bilirakis	Goodlatte	Price (GA)
Blackburn	Granger	Pryce (OH)
Blunt	Graves	Putnam
Boehner	Hall (TX)	Radanovich
Bono	Hastings (WA)	Ramstad
Boozman	Hayes	Regula
Boustany	Heller	Rehberg
Broun (GA)	Hensarling	Reichert
Brown (SC)	Herger	Reynolds
Brown-Waite,	Hobson	Rogers (MI)
Ginny	Hulshof	Rohrabacher
Buchanan	Inglis (SC)	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Issa	Roskam
Burton (IN)	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Buyer	Jones (NC)	Ryan (WI)
Calvert	Jordan	Sali
Camp (MI)	Keller	Saxton
Campbell (CA)	King (IA)	Schmidt
Cannon	Kingston	Sensenbrenner
Cantor	Kirk	Sessions
Capito	Kline (MN)	Shadegg
Carney	Knollenberg	Shays
Carter	Kuhl (NY)	Shimkus
Castle	Lamborn	Shuler
Chabot	Latham	Shuster
Coble	LaTourette	Smith (NE)
Cole (OK)	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Conaway	Lewis (KY)	Smith (TX)
Davis (KY)	Linder	Stearns
Davis, David	LoBiondo	Sullivan
Davis, Tom	Lucas	Tancredo
Deal (GA)	Lungren, Daniel	Terry
Dent	E.	Thornberry
Diaz-Balart, L.	Mack	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, M.	Manzullo	Tiberi
Donnelly	Marchant	Turner
Doolittle	McCarthy (CA)	Upton
Drake	McCauley (TX)	Walberg
Dreier	McCotter	Walden (OR)
Duncan	McCrery	Walsh (NY)
Ehlers	McHugh	Wamp
Ellsworth	McMorris	Weller
Emerson	Rodgers	Wicker
English (PA)	Mica	Wilson (NM)
Fallin	Miller (FL)	Wilson (SC)
Ferguson	Miller (MI)	Wolf
Flake	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Forbes	Moran (KS)	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—8

Boren	Hill	Melancon
Cleaver	Loeb	Moore (KS)
Davis, Lincoln	Mahoney (FL)	

NOT VOTING—55

Akin	Hinojosa	Platts
Bishop (UT)	Hoekstra	Poe
Bonner	Holden	Renzi
Boyda (KS)	Hunter	Reyes
Brady (TX)	Jindal	Rogers (AL)
Butterfield	Johnson (IL)	Rogers (KY)
Carson	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman
Crenshaw	Kind	Simpson
Cubin	King (NY)	Snyder
Culberson	LaHood	Souder
Cummings	McHenry	Waxman
Edwards	McKeon	Weldon (FL)
Engel	Mollohan	Westmoreland
Everett	Moore (WI)	Whitfield
Fattah	Moran (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Feeney	Murtha	Wynn
Fossella	Pastor	Young (FL)
Green, Gene	Paul	
Hastert	Pickering	

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Mr. LEWIS of California and Mr. TIAHRT changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. HOLT, SMITH of Washington, and DOGGETT changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. DONNELLY changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. PASTOR. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 986, I was at a meeting away from my office and unable to return on time. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 986, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was detained in my district and was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 for H. Res. 767 (Roll No. 986). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 986, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 986, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, had I been present for rollcall vote 986, I would have voted "nay."

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The gentleman has apprised the Chair of media accounts that give rise to a question of personal privilege under rule IX.

The gentleman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STARK asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STARK. I thank the Speaker.

In a very serious note, and I won't take the hour, I want to apologize to,

first of all, my colleagues, many of whom I have offended, to the President, to his family, to the troops that may have found in my remarks, as were suggested in the motion that we just voted on, and I do apologize.

For this reason, I think that we have a serious issue before us, the issue of providing medical care to children, the issue of what we do about a war that we are divided about how to end.

I hope that with this apology, I will become as insignificant as I should be and that we can return to the issues that do divide us, but that we can resolve in a better fashion.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AND HOMEGROWN TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1955) to prevent homegrown terrorism, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1955

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007".

SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AND HOMEGROWN TERRORISM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title VIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 361 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

"Subtitle J—Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism"

"SEC. 899A. DEFINITIONS.

"For purposes of this subtitle:

"(1) COMMISSION.—The term 'Commission' means the National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism established under section 899C.

"(2) VIOLENT RADICALIZATION.—The term 'violent radicalization' means the process of adopting or promoting an extremist belief system for the purpose of facilitating ideologically based violence to advance political, religious, or social change.

"(3) HOMEGROWN TERRORISM.—The term 'homegrown terrorism' means the use, planned use, or threatened use, of force or violence by a group or individual born, raised, or based and operating primarily within the United States or any possession of the