

Neal (MA)	Sanchez, Linda	Tierney
Oberstar	T.	Udall (NM)
Obey	Sanchez, Loretta	Van Hollen
Olver	Sanders	Velazquez
Owens	Schakowsky	Visclosky
Payne	Schiff	Waters
Pelosi	Scott (VA)	Watson
Rangel	Serrano	Watt
Rodriguez	Sherman	Waxman
Roybal-Allard	Slaughter	Weiner
Ryan (OH)	Solis	Wexler
Sabo	Stark	Woolsey
	Stupak	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Ruppersberger

NOT VOTING—5

Buyer	Hyde	Udall (CO)
Carson (IN)	Ros-Lehtinen	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) (during the vote). The Chair reminds Members that there are less than 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1705

Mrs. JONES of Ohio changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 975, BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 975, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill.

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

There was no objection.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family commitment on Thursday, March 13, I was not present for rollcall votes 63 and 64. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall number 63 and "no" on rollcall number 64.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL UNION FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA)—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I am providing a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

FEDERAL OCEAN AND COASTAL ACTIVITIES REPORT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 5 of the Oceans Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 857-19), I transmit herewith the first biennial Federal Ocean and Coastal Activities Report as prepared by my Administration.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

NATIONAL AMBER ALERT LEGISLATION

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the House an open letter directed to the House of Representatives signed by Elizabeth Smart, Lois Smart and Ed Smart.

Today, Elizabeth was introduced to the Amber Alert when she asked about a videotape in my office. After watching the coverage, Elizabeth asked why the legislation has not passed when it saved so many children's lives. I could not give her an answer!

After a lengthy conversation about how the Amber Alert has been politicized, she asked me if there was anything she could do to help pass it. We decided to draft this letter.

As you know, I can't express enough how our children can't wait another day for the

National Amber Alert to be signed into law by President Bush. Please, please, please pass the stand-alone Amber Alert legislation NOW. As soon as you do, I will be there to celebrate and then go to work with you on lobbying the Senate to pass other pending issues for our children.

I will submit the remainder of the letter for the RECORD, signed by Elizabeth Smart, Ed Smart and Lois Smart.

MARCH 18, 2003.

*House of Representatives,
Washington, DC 20515.*

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Thank you very much for your continued support and warm wishes over the past nine months. We especially appreciate all of the representatives who are working together so diligently to pass the National Amber Alert Legislation.

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I wish to apologize to anyone who was offended by my excitement last week. You cannot comprehend the joy and adulation of having your child return. The Amber Alert will make this a reality for countless families. Please don't underestimate the immediacy and power of this legislation!

This is your opportunity to show your leadership for our children. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

EDWARD SMART.
LOIS SMART.
ELIZABETH SMART.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION FUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, these are the faces of children who have been vaccinated with childhood vaccines that contain a