

o'clock p.m. for legislative business. We plan to take up four bills under suspension of the rules, H.R. 1508, the National Children's Island Act of 1995; H.R. 2005, a bill to make technical corrections in Coastal Barrier Resources Systems Map; H.R. 1358, a bill to convey the National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory at Gloucester, Massachusetts; and H.R. 1691, the Home-steading and Neighborhood Restoration Act of 1995.

Mr. Speaker, Members should be advised that any recorded votes ordered on these bills will be postponed until 5 o'clock p.m. on Monday.

After suspensions, we will take up the rule on H.R. 2492 and the bill itself, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1996. We also plan on going to conference on H.R. 2491, the Seven-year Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995.

On Tuesday, October 31, and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following bills, both of which will be subject to rules: The District of Columbia Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996, and H.R. 1883, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995.

Of course, Members should keep in mind that conference reports may be brought to the floor at any time, and we do expect a number of appropriations conference reports to be ready next week.

On Monday, October 30, we expect to finish legislation around 8 o'clock p.m. On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for the morning hour and 10 a.m. for the legislative business. We hope to finish voting that night by 6 o'clock so Members may return home to see their little hobgoblins, ghosts and ghouls trick or treat on Halloween night. On Wednesday we plan to work later, probably until 10 or 11 p.m. so that on Thursday, November 2, we can have Members on their way home to their families by 6 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker, this is the last vote for this week, and there will be no session tomorrow.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the majority leader, you know, the House had a series of very close votes on riders to the VA-HUD bill, particularly to the EPA section of that bill. We on this side of the aisle were concerned about the statement yesterday that appeared in Congress Daily that the Republican leadership may attempt to schedule another vote on this issue at a time when many Members were absent, "to sneak it by," as the quote was relayed in Congress Daily.

That troubles us, as you can imagine dearly. We want to know if you plan to go to conference on the VA-HUD bill and when you want to do it.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, we expect, Mr. Speaker, to go to conference on that on Wednesday.

Mr. BONIOR. On Wednesday. I thank my colleague.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DOGGETT. I see that Legislative Branch Appropriations Act has been rescheduled for Monday. Are you sure we will reach it on Monday?

Mr. ARMEY. Yes.

Mr. DOGGETT. Really sure?

Mr. ARMEY. Really sure.

Mr. DOGGETT. Will the rule that is provided there allow for consideration of a gift ban and lobby reform?

Mr. ARMEY. It is not germane.

Mr. DOGGETT. It is not germane.

Mr. ARMEY. You can check with the Committee on Rules, but that is my understanding.

Mr. DOGGETT. Will there be any other opportunity next week to consider gift ban and lobby reform legislation of the type that the Senate approved 98 to 0?

Mr. ARMEY. I can tell the gentleman from Texas I will be making an announcement on that subject tomorrow at a press conference to be held at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. DOGGETT. Without presuming what your press conference might cover, does the gentleman contemplate the possibility of a rule being in place for this body on January 1, as is the case with the Senate?

Mr. ARMEY. I am sorry, the gentleman will repeat the question?

Mr. DOGGETT. Yes. Without getting into the details of your press conference, does the gentleman contemplate the possibility that we could have a rule in place here by January 1 as the Senate has done?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for asking. I will just say to the gentleman, I am sure that the gentleman's curiosity will be satisfied at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. DOGGETT. I look forward to it.

Mr. BONIOR. Have a nice weekend.

Mr. ARMEY. You all have a nice weekend.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas? There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE SAM M. GIBBONS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable SAM M. GIBBONS, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 24, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that my office has been served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

SAM M. GIBBONS,

TABLING OF PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION REGARDING FORGERY OF DOCUMENT BY A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentlewoman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to participate in this special order in order to have an opportunity to discuss yesterday's tabling of the privileged resolution which dealt with the forgery by a House subcommittee. Although we were denied the opportunity to even debate the serious issue, I feel it is so important that we cannot let it go undiscussed.

Yesterday we tabled a resolution regarding an issue of basic responsibility of the people who serve here either by election or by appointment. This responsibility is to assure that all who serve here are cognizant of their responsibility and determined to carry out the legal obligations of this country.

This resolution, Mr. Speaker, was an effort to protect the history of our legislative record. It was designed to guarantee that we put together a fair and accurate record of our legislative history for those to come. What we do in Congress is used by teachers in classrooms, lawyers in courtrooms, authors and historians, all of whom depend upon our integrity so they need not question the authenticity of what they read.

Senator TRENT LOTT, when he served in the House, made an eloquent statement of the importance of the sanctity of our legislative records, and I quote.

For if the legislative history made by the duly elected representatives of the people is subject to malicious alteration and distortion by anonymous nonelected staffers, then the credibility of this institution in the people's branch is in serious jeopardy. All our written records become suddenly suspect in the eyes of the people and of the press and of the courts. How much weight, for instance,