

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I missed two rollcall votes earlier today because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 400 and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 401, the House antiterrorism bill.

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Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall No. 401, final passage of the bipartisan antiterrorism initiative. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

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AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 3953, AVIATION SECURITY AND ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 1996

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 3953, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, and punctuation, and to make such stylistic, clerical, technical, conforming, and other changes as may be necessary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I take this time in order to engage the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the majority leader, in a colloquy regarding the schedule for today and the remainder of the day.

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

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, we have had our last vote, and I am pleased to announce that the House has concluded its legislative business for the week. Members are, have been already, proceeding to their homes for their August district work period.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure I speak for both the distinguished gentleman from Michigan and myself in wishing them Godspeed on this trip home.

As we head into the August district work period today, I think it is important to reflect on our accomplishments of the past week. Working in a bipartisan manner, this Congress has passed comprehensive welfare reform, guaranteed that health care will be both portable and affordable, and ensured that our Nation will have the cleanest, safest drinking water in the world.

After our long-awaited August break, we will return to work on Wednesday, September 4, at 12 noon and hold votes

that day after 5 p.m. Consistent with our unanimous-consent agreement of last evening, the House will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules on September 4, 1996.

Members should be advised that a list of suspensions will be prepared and distributed by August 21. On Thursday, September 5, and Friday, September 6, we hope to take up H.R. 3308, the United States Armed Forces Protection Act, which will be subject to a rule. We also expect to go to conference on the immigration bill and consider any appropriations conference reports that may be available.

We expect to finish our work that week by 2 p.m. Friday, September 6.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time and wish him an enjoyable August work period.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would say the same to my friend from Texas, and I thank him for the information.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 509) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 509

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Agriculture: Mr. FUNDERBURK of North Carolina.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS, NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 4, 1996 the Speaker and the minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to

make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

GRANTING ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND AND REVISE REMARKS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD TODAY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for today all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extensions of Remarks."

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

There was no objection.

DESIGNATION OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF AND HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

August 2, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Frank R. Wolf, or, if not available to perform this duty, the Honorable Constance A. Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designations are agreed to.

There was no objection.

DIRECTING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTION IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 3103, HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 208) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3103, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. STARK. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, and I shall not object, but I would like to engage the distinguished subcommittee chair from California in a brief colloquy and ask if he would explain what this modest change in the bill does.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, my understanding is that this change removes the item that was added dealing with the