

up on Tuesday. If the gentleman would accept, I think what we perhaps can best proceed at this time by having the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] and the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY] conclude their discussions about their planning for the committee, and then we will make every effort in conjunction with the committee to see that all members are notified of the meeting time and try to accommodate any efforts to bring amendment requests before the committee.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, let me yield to my friend, the gentleman from Montana [Mr. WILLIAMS], for any question he may have.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I have no questions. If the minority leader is completed with the schedule, I would ask my friend to yield to continue the dialog which was preceding prior to the announcement of the schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman from California would yield further, if it is in order, I would like to make my unanimous consent requests, and then, if in fact it is the will of the Chair to let the gentleman continue in this in order for the other Members to make their discourse, I actually have other things on my schedule I would like to do.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The time of the gentleman from California has expired.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, would it be possible for the majority leader to pose a unanimous-consent request that the item which has been discussed here be continued for half an hour, since several Members seem to want to be heard?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members may seek 1-minute recognition before special orders.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] apparently has the first special order and indicated he would be happy to make time available for Members who want to make comments on this.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when

the House adjourns on Monday, September 16, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 no Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests at this point.

VIOLATING AN AMERICAN TRADITION

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would remind my colleagues and all elected Federal officials, as well as candidates for President and Vice President, that the United States has a long and valued tradition of ending politics at the water's edge.

I have served in this body under a number of administrations, including those of former President Reagan and Bush. Under both Presidents, this country was involved in contentious controversial military matters, but always and without exception the leadership on both sides of the aisle supported those Republican Presidents' military actions overseas.

Speaker Tip O'Neill supported Ronald Reagan's actions, even when he disagreed with them, for example in Lebanon. Speaker Jim Wright supported the actions of his President. Speaker Tom Foley supported the actions of his President.

We are coming perilously close in this Congress and in the Presidential campaigns to violating that valued American tradition.

PRESIDENT GOING BEYOND MANDATES OF U.N. RESOLUTION

(Mr. WELDON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I am outraged at what is currently happening here—comments being made.

First of all, there is no Member of this body who does not fully support our troops. Let us make that statement known up front. In fact we on this side have restored \$8 billion of cuts that this administration made to support those troops.

What is happening right now is that this President is going beyond the mandates of the U.N. resolution, which do not give the United States unilateral authority to go in and take action in Iraq. There is no provision in there for unilateral action. The allies are not behind us, as President Bush had when he went in there in the first place. In fact, Saudi Arabia is now considering denying us basing rights for the F-117's.

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We know nothing about what is occurring. As a senior member of the Committee on National Security, I asked our chairman, who has not been briefed, about what is occurring, and we are about to send our young pilots into harm's way with no plan, no functional understanding for us in this Congress about what the ultimate game plan is.

The War Powers Act requires this President to consult with us, and we in this institution should demand that take place.

If anyone wants to charge politics, I would say the politics is this administration rushing to send our troops into harm's way with no justifiable situation that merits that action.

STOP PLAYING POLITICS AND SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would say to my colleague from Pennsylvania if this is not politics being played, I do not know what it is.

We can have all the briefings we want, the fact of the matter is the support for our men and women ought to be forthcoming and it ought to be done the way the Senate did, passed it virtually unanimously. We ought to stop playing politics and support our troops. We ought to support our men and women. We ought not to let Saddam Hussein control the situation.

Quite frankly, as someone who supported President Bush when it came to the Persian Gulf War, if President Bush had done what he should have done and removed Saddam Hussein we would not be in the position we are right now.

So I think that we ought to stand behind our President. We ought to stand behind our men and women. We ought to not play politics just because there is an election coming up 6 weeks from now.

We ought to do what is right. We ought to do what the Senate did, and we ought to pass some kind of resolution supporting our men and women.