

We just got the offer from the White House.

Now, we would like to have an hour or two to look at it. We would like to meet tomorrow to try to give a response. Hopefully, we can agree to it.

Mr. OBEY. Are we supposed to meet with Senator SPECTER again who says there is no give? We were told we should meet with people at a higher level on Monday. That is what we are doing.

As you well know, your leadership has kept you on a tight leash, and every time we try to negotiate something with the Committee on Appropriations, we are told it is vetoed by your leadership.

If the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT) will be in town, if the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) will be in town, if the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) will be in town so the people with the real power over there can make some decisions, you bet I will be in town. But absent their participation in that room, I am not going to waste my time again waiting for a call that has not come. I have waited for three weeks, and I am tired of it.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Well, as the gentleman knows, the names that he mentioned are not members of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. OBEY. But they do make the choices, do they not? Do you deny that?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. They are leaders. They have the right, and they have the power to make certain decisions, of course, the same as your leadership does. It is a two-sided coin.

Mr. OBEY. The difference is our leadership has given us the power to negotiate.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. The gentleman is not available. That is the answer. The gentleman is not available.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) controls the time.

Mr. BONIOR. Since you mentioned our leadership, I would like to, if I could, register a polite complaint, as well.

Since I am the author of the minimum wage bill, I have not been asked to participate in any meetings on this bill that has been languishing now for months and months and months. I am waiting for an opportunity to participate in trying to resolve that. And in waiting for that, we are denying the people who are working so hard in our country for \$5.15 an hour, there is about 10 million of them out there that have been denied about \$2,000, which is a huge percent of their disposable income while we wait and we wait.

We think that there ought to be some movement here. We are willing to be here and meet on that. I have been willing to meet on that for months now. We have not had a meeting on the minimum wage. We have not had a meeting on prescription drugs. We have not had a meeting on some of these

other issues that are important to us, like hate crimes and other things. And we certainly have not been able to do the things we need to do on education.

So we are ready to go, and we have been ready to go. I hope we made our point very clear today that this is unacceptable, that three out of 13 bills is unacceptable 3 weeks into the new fiscal year and these other major issues that you guys and you women are campaigning on all over the country with ads you refuse to take up. They are basic issues of justice and equity for poor people, whether they are an HMO bill or a prescription drug bill or a minimum wage bill or basic education issues. We want to do them.

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We hope that you do, too.

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

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I just want to make it clear I will be happy to cancel my plane in 5 minutes if the Republican leadership of this House will be here tomorrow so that every time we get a, well-we-have-to-check-with-upstairs response from the gentleman, we can get that response from the boys upstairs. We keep being told those issues are being kicked upstairs into different rooms, but we cannot find who is in those rooms.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2000

Mr. CANADY of Florida. 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. GUTKNECHT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2000

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, October 23, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. CANADY of Florida. 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 Florida?

There was no objection.

KRISTEN'S ACT

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2780) to authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for organizations to find missing adults.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2780

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 "Kristen's Act".

SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND MISSING ADULTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make grants to public agencies or non-profit private organizations, or combinations thereof, for programs—

(1) to assist law enforcement and families in locating missing adults;

(2) to maintain a national, interconnected database for the purpose of tracking missing adults who are determined by law enforcement to be endangered due to age, diminished mental capacity, or the circumstances of disappearance, when foul play is suspected or circumstances are unknown;

(3) to maintain statistical information of adults reported as missing;

(4) to provide informational resources and referrals to families of missing adults;

(5) to assist in public notification and victim advocacy related to missing adults; and

(6) to establish and maintain a national clearinghouse for missing adults.

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$1,000,000 each year for fiscal years 2001 through 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CANADY) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CANADY).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2780, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2780, Kristen's Act, which was introduced by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK). Each year about 1 million people are reported missing in the United States and about 42 percent of those are adults. The many Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies across the country dutifully enter these missing person reports in the FBI's national missing persons database and most of them are