

that the Senate amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I am extraordinarily pleased that I found the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY).

Mr. Leader, I would appreciate and I know all Members would: We were here late last night. We have been working hard. I know the conference committee has been working very hard.

If the gentleman would bring us up to date for what he sees as the balance of the day and the balance of the week.

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

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me, and I also appreciate being found.

As the gentleman and Members know, a very important conference committee is meeting on the war supplemental. Very intensive discussions are going on. We anticipate, hopefully anticipate that the conference can be wrapped up later on this evening, but there is absolutely no way that we can assure the Members that we can vote on that bill today. We will have no more votes this afternoon, and anticipate coming back to consider the war supplemental tomorrow at noon.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, it is my understanding there has not been an agreement yet, but if there were an agreement and, from our perspective, if the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and our conferees believe that the conference report was something that they could sign off on, it is my understanding that it is possible, if there were agreement, that we would not have to have a vote tomorrow on that piece of legislation; is that correct?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman would continue to yield, it would be beneficial to all Members if we could come to some agreement on the bill. I know that the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) have worked very, very hard to protect the interests of the House and this institution, and they are remaining firm. And we should congratulate the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) for the work they have done.

If it works to the satisfaction of those two Members and this body, it

would be very preferable to work out some sort of agreement that we could voice the vote; but I must warn Members that it does not guarantee that there will not be a vote.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I would reiterate and share the view of the majority leader, but at this point in time, we do not know and cannot guarantee Members that there will not be a vote tomorrow.

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

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, let me simply say that I think it is fair to say that there have been virtually no political differences between either side of the aisle on this side of the Capitol; and I think it is fair to say that the House conferees are virtually unanimous in their view about what has to happen in order for us to get out of here.

I do not know yet whether we are going to get the full cooperation that we are going to need from the other side of the Capitol, but it is certainly our intent on both sides that we come out of here as one. It would be very good for the House if we had a bill that had 100 percent support. We could go home with a feeling of unity, and I know that both sides are going to try to accomplish that.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I want to echo the comments of the majority leader. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) have worked diligently not only on the substance of what is in the supplemental, but also in upholding the position of the House as it relates to the balance of power between the executive department and the legislative department as set forth in the Constitution of the United States.

As a matter of fact, when we started our consideration of the supplemental, the first thing the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) did was to read article I and appropriate provisions of the Constitution. I think all of us in this body can be appreciative of the fact that the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) have taken the position that I think is appropriate for our institution, as well as for our country, and I share the majority leader's view.

We appreciate their efforts.

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

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

Mr. DELAY. I appreciate and agree with the gentleman's remarks. I want to tell Members that, as they know, at this point in time in the session it is very difficult to communicate with Members, so I urge Members to stay in touch with their offices because we will be giving all Members updates on an hourly to 2-hour basis as to what is going on with the conference com-

mittee and what the future may hold for another session tomorrow.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, am I correct it would be our hope collectively, both sides of the aisle, to be able to give definitive information to the Members at least by 5 p.m. as to what they might expect for tomorrow?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I would hope we can give it sooner than that. In talking to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), we should have some sort of sense as to what direction the conference will be going in the next hour or two.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, in the event there is a vote tomorrow, would I be correct in assuming we would give to Members a minimum of an hour's notice and no vote will be held before noon tomorrow? Is that your thought at this point in time?

□ 1315

Mr. DELAY. Of course. And we would like to give them even more notice than that, but at least an hour before we would actually ring the bells and go back into session would we give Members notice.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what I am being told, but the gentleman indicated that he may give us, and may be contemplating, more notice than 1 hour. I am not sure what that has to do with the committee, but in any event Members will have a minimum of 1 hour's notice before they would be called back to vote on any legislation tomorrow?

Mr. DELAY. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that. Let me ask the gentleman another question that I was asked by another Member. Am I correct that the only votes, if we have votes tomorrow, would be on the supplemental?

Mr. DELAY. Correct. The only votes we would have, if required, would be on the rules leading up to the supplemental and on the supplemental.

Mr. HOYER. So there may be two votes tomorrow if they were required?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman would yield, it could be three. A same-day rule, a rule for the conference report, and the conference report.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, in other words, Members should understand that, although we are saying there may be votes tomorrow or there may not be, but there may be multiple votes tomorrow; so it would be more than one vote required. I thank the gentleman.

#### WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. MYRICK (during consideration of H. Res. 187), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 108-75) on the resolution (H. Res. 197) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and the Workforce be discharged from further consideration of the resolution, (H. Res. 187) congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 187

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team won its third National Collegiate Athletic Association championship in 4 years by defeating the University of Tennessee by the score of 73-68;

Whereas, after losing 4 All-American players to graduation, the Huskies were still able to finish the 2002-2003 season with a nearly perfect 37-1 record, becoming only the 3rd NCAA Division I women's basketball team to repeat as national champions;

Whereas Diana Taurasi was chosen as the consensus national women's Player of the Year and named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies set an NCAA Division I women's record by winning 70 games in a row;

Whereas University of Connecticut Huskies head coach Geno Auriemma was named NCAA Division I women's basketball Coach of the Year, won his 501st game and 4th National Championship;

Whereas the high caliber of the University of Connecticut Huskies in both athletics and academics has significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young men and women alike; and

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies' championship season has rallied Connecticut residents of all ages behind a common purpose and triggered a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives commends the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship and for completing the 2002-2003 season with a 37-1 record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today and to join all of my Connecticut colleagues to honor the 2003 NCAA Women's Basketball Champion, the University of Connecticut Huskies. This resolution congressionally recognizes a group of young women who have excelled both on and off the court. Connecticut is incredibly proud of them.

This is the University of Connecticut's second consecutive basketball championship, only the third time an NCAA women's basketball team has ever repeated as national champions.

Led by the NCAA Player of the Year, Diana Taurasi, the Huskies capped a 37 and 1 season by beating the University of Tennessee Tuesday tonight, 73 to 68. All of the State of Connecticut watched with pride as the Huskies claimed their place as the repeat national champions.

The University of Connecticut was founded in 1881 and has a rich history of providing educational and athletic opportunities to undergraduates of diverse interests, abilities, and backgrounds. It is with great joy, Mr. Speaker, that as a former teaching assistant at the University of Connecticut I take the floor today to say way to go, Huskies.

I wanted to congratulate Diana Taurasi, Maria Conlon, Ann Strother, Jessica Moore, and Barbara Turner. But do not forget the other players on the team who contributed so much to the success and overall efforts of the team: Ashley Battle, Willnet Crocket, Stacey Marron, Nicole Wolff, Ashley Valley, and Morgan Valley. And a special "way to go" goes to Head coach Geno Auriemma, associate head coach Chris Dailey, Tonya Cardoza, and Janelle Elliot, athletic director Lew Perkins, and the parents of all of the members of this national championship team. And finally to my friend, UCONN president Philip Austin, and his administration for fielding such a fine team of scholar-athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS), my colleague from the Connecticut delegation, for introducing this resolution honoring the Huskies for their fourth NCAA women's basketball championship and their third and fourth seasons. An extraordinary group of young women.

This year's victory is especially inspirational because the Huskies overcame incredible odds this year, to repeat with only one starting player returning from last year's championship team. They are the first women's basketball team in history to win a national championship without a single senior on the roster and only the third to win back-to-back championships. With this title victory against the mighty Tennessee Vols, and I might just say to my colleague from Tennessee that we honor today these

young women for their competitive spirit and their heart, our Huskies are certain to be remembered as one of the greatest basketball teams in sports history.

The people of Connecticut are tremendously proud of their Huskies, who have set an example for all us with their teamwork and with their standard for perfection. Though this victory was a team effort, as the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS) has said, and he listed the names of all of the members of the team, I just want to make particular mention of guards Maria Conlon, who is from Derby, Connecticut, and I represent Derby, Connecticut. It is in the third congressional district. And Diana Taurasi, a fellow daughter of Italian immigrants who scored 28 points on her way to being named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player and Consensus National Player of the year. Diana was nothing less than dominating. She scored the third-most points in Division I tournament history, the fourth most-ever in the Final Four, and tied for the second most-ever in a title game. She did this all with an aching back, one good ankle, and a heart whose size is only matched by that of the Huskies' dreams and their determination.

The game of women's basketball has changed since the days when women in my generation played it on only a half court, and I did that for 4 years at the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy Laurelton Hall in Milford, Connecticut. I am sure that in the days when my mother played, and she did, and my mother is 89 years old, but she played in the leagues when they had them in New Haven, Connecticut, women's leagues all those years ago, but no one dreamed at that time that women would one day play before a national audience of millions. The game may have changed, but the need to get young girls involved in sports has not.

Without question, the Huskies have illustrated for us that the results of Congress's commitment and my colleagues' commitment through title IX, that when given the resources, women are just as talented and as exciting to watch as any men's team that is out there. Women now constitute 40 percent of college athletes compared to the 15 percent 30 years ago before title IX became law. As evidenced by the trailblazing UCONN Huskies, the values that women learn from sports participation, leadership, teamwork, discipline, pride and accomplishment are irreplaceable. Today's athletic successes help us to increase our participation in tomorrow's workforce, like the number of business management and ownership positions. In fact, 80 percent of female managers of Fortune 500 companies have a sports background. There may be a future Fortune 500 executive on the Huskies right now.

Either way, one cannot deny that participation in athletics has given women many of the tools they need for