

constructive and positive in maybe transit issues or water issues or whatever issues might be relevant at that time?

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, to the contrary, local governments have tried to ensure and to maintain their local control, thereby not asking the Federal Government to intrude at all. In my experience as a mayor of a city, I know firsthand how joint powers of authority work independent of Federal Government, and this is the way it should be in Houston, as it is in other cities around the country.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, if the gentlewoman would yield further, I hope this amendment will be supported by my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, because I restate the fact that I have come to do nothing more than to strike language. I am not asking for money, I am not asking to add any language.

I could have come here with an amendment responding to neighborhoods crying for light rail. Why is not Acres Home not more expanded with the light rail? Why is it not more in our rural areas or suburban areas at this point, because it is geared to going there? Why is Northeast not included at this time? What is the status of Harrisburg?

All of those issues we are going to work on locally. I do not intend to give up on them, but I believe we will do that locally with Members of Congress, county governments, city government, the business community and, of course, the voters.

My point here, listening to the gentlewoman, appears to be reinforced, that what we are doing with this language, the only city in the Nation, is undermining what the local officials have done. And as I understand what the gentlewoman has just suggested, that is clearly an intrusion that is not welcomed by local government that works so very hard.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I hope that out of her, if you will, solicitation, that we will be able to have our colleagues supporting us on both sides of the aisle. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has been very, very receptive and warm to our needs in Houston, and the Committee on Appropriations. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER) and, of course, the chairman, have been very welcoming to the mobility needs we have had.

I would simply say, being supportive of local needs, I have supported roads and toll roads, as have my other colleagues. But yet when it comes to light rail, we allow this to be so divisive. This language should be stricken, we should never see it again, and we should stop this decisive debate on the floor of the House when the community has actually come together.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) will be postponed.

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HAYES) having assumed the chair, Mr. DREIER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 6. An Act to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 6) "An Act to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes" and requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints under authority of the order of July 31, 2003, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BAUCUS, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

#### LIMITATION ON AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2989, TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2989 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 351, no amendment to the bill may be offered except pro forma amendments by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; the amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 1, 6, 11, 14 and 24;

the amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 2, which shall be debatable for 15 minutes; the amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 15, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes; an amendment by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida regarding OMB Circular A-76, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes; one proper amendment by Mr. SANDERS regarding a district court memorandum and order addressing IBM's pension plan, which shall be debatable for 1 hour; an amendment by Ms. KAPTUR regarding the Help America Vote Act; an amendment by Mr. VAN HOLLEN regarding OMB Circular A-76, which shall be debatable for 30 minutes; one proper amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding Cuba travel, which shall be debatable for 1 hour; an amendment by Mr. HONDA regarding San Jose light rail; an amendment by Mr. COOPER, Ms. DELAURO, or Ms. KILPATRICK regarding tax law enforcement, which shall be debatable for 1 hour; an amendment by Mr. DAVIS of Florida regarding educational exchanges with Cuba; an amendment by Mr. MICA regarding the National Railroad Passenger Corporation; an amendment by Mr. FARR regarding locality pay; an amendment by Mr. MORAN of Kansas regarding essential air service program.

Each amendment may be offered only by the Member designated or a designee, or the Member who caused it to be printed, or a designee; shall be considered as read; shall not be subject to amendment; and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. Except as specified, each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, under my reservation I would ask the gentleman if this agreement is entered into, what would be the schedule for the remainder of the day and tomorrow?

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

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, as I understand the intent, we will proceed tonight for approximately 1 hour further, after which time any votes that have been rolled will be held. After that time consideration of this bill would cease until next Tuesday, when we would complete consideration of the bill under the unanimous consent agreement.

Mr. OBEY. And tomorrow?

Mr. ISTOOK. Tomorrow, not being in charge of the schedule, I can only tell