

I thank the gentleman for yielding and would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend for that information.

First, if I can ask the leader, there are not bill numbers on the energy packages to which the gentleman referred. Have these bills been introduced, are there going to be hearings held on them, have hearings been held on them, will they be considered by committee? Can the gentleman fill us in on some of that information?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the bills are being worked on as we speak. We anticipate many of them being introduced today, if not today, tomorrow. Most of the bills have already been considered or voted on in the past on energy policies. We do not anticipate the need for any committee action on many of these bills. Some of them are suspension-type bills, and we anticipate bringing some on suspension calendar and then others by rule.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

Let me clarify: Have some of these bills passed in perhaps the larger energy bill? Is that what the gentleman is saying?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct.

Mr. HOYER. So the gentleman is taking segments out of that bill to put in separate pieces of legislation?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, we are taking some of the bills and issues out of the House-passed energy bill that did not find their way into the conference report that is pending before the Senate that the House has already passed. So the major piece of legislation, the Energy Policy Act of 2004, is a restatement of the energy conference report that is pending in the Senate, the ANWR AML bill. There are amendments against ANWR that have failed, but we have had votes on ANWR in this House in the debate on the energy bill leaving the House. The U.S. refinery revitalization bill is a bill that we anticipate being on suspension. The ANWR AML bill will be under rule.

Mr. HOYER. All right, that is the Arctic Coastal Plan Domestic Energy Security and Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct. That is what we call the ANWR AML bill.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

The gentleman anticipates some of these may be introduced today. When would Members be able to have copies of these bills to review, and have these bills been reviewed by the minority on the committees of jurisdiction?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I am not privy to the work done by the relevant committees, the most relevant committees, the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce, as to what they have done or not done with the minority, but as far as the gentleman's question on when Members will be able to see those bills, obviously, as soon as they are introduced, they will be available.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. Hopefully we will have an opportunity so that our Members, certainly on the committees of jurisdiction on the minority side, will have an opportunity to review them and advise our side of the aisle at least their views on those, in light of the fact they are not going to be considered in committee and some will be on suspension. Others will go to the Committee on Rules?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, that is correct.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

The FSC bill, there has been a lot of talk about the FSC bill. Can the leader tell me when we might anticipate a FSC bill being on the floor or being marked up in committee?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, as we are doing this colloquy, the Speaker is contemplating how we can accommodate the ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means who is going with the Speaker over the weekend for the D-Day celebration. I think we have at least tentatively worked out a schedule whereby the Committee on Ways and Means could do their markup on Wednesday or Thursday and have the bill on the floor the first of the week following.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader. I want to, on behalf of the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL), state our appreciation for that consideration. It is my understanding the gentleman is going to Normandy with the Speaker and they will not return until approximately 5 or so Tuesday afternoon, so that meeting at 6 o'clock would have been difficult. We appreciate the consideration that has been given.

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, I might also add that the jobs bill contemplated by the chairman will probably be introduced by tomorrow. So Members will have at least over the weekend a chance to look at the bill before the markup of the committee.

Mr. HOYER. You say the jobs bill; the American Jobs Creation Act?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct. Some people refer to that as FSC.

Mr. HOYER. I see what the gentleman is saying. It is one and the same.

Where are those jobs, Mr. Leader?

Mr. DELAY. They are all in that bill, thousands upon thousands of them.

Mr. HOYER. Actually, I meant are they overseas or here in America?

Mr. DELAY. We are bringing them home, Mr. Whip.

Mr. HOYER. I presume that will be part of our debate, Mr. Leader.

Mr. Leader, lastly, the budget enforcement bill, is that going to be on the calendar at any time soon?

Mr. DELAY. As the gentleman knows, in March the Committee on the Budget passed a bill that would extend statutory pay-as-you-go rules on new mandatory spending to ensure that new programs are offset by spending

reductions. In addition, the bill would instate statutory spending caps on statutory programs. Now that the House has passed the budget resolution conference report, we look forward to quick consideration of this bill.

We have a very busy schedule planned for next week. We had planned on bringing this bill up next week and still may do so. But we may not be able to consider this bill next week; and, therefore, we most probably would schedule it for the following week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information. As the gentleman knows, I am sure both sides of the aisle feel that is a critical piece of legislation, in light of the deficits that are confronting us, as to how we can get those under control. I know there are differences of opinion on that, but I know on our side of the aisle we believe that that is a very important step for us to take in light of the budget deficits.

Lastly, Mr. Leader, if I can ask the leader, it was I think tentatively believed that we would be meeting next Friday. In light of the accommodation on the FSC or jobs bill, would Members be correct in thinking that Friday of next week may not be a legislative day?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield further, that is very difficult to say. We do have a very ambitious schedule for next week. It could very likely take Friday to complete that schedule. However, we are going to work as hard as we can to get our work done as soon as we can; and, if we can get our work done, we may not have to work on Friday. But I would warn the Members that it is very possible that we would have to be here on Friday.

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the leader for his information.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. 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 (Mr. OSE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4478), to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act

of 1958 through July 23, 2004, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to object, the legislation we are about to pass is necessary because the House still has not gotten its work done on the reauthorization of the Small Business Administration. H.R. 4478 represents the fourth extension since the Committee on Small Business unanimously passed bipartisan legislation almost a year ago, and yet the House leadership continues to block its consideration.

I am reluctantly agreeing to this because, while the legislation does extend the SBA until the end of July, it fails to address the critical needs of the 7(a) and 504 loans programs.

We need to bring the SBA reauthorization, H.R. 2802, to the floor and give small businesses the access they need to important contracting, loan, and technical assistance programs.

I hope that we do not have another extension and empty promises of action.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4478

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.

The authorization for any program, authority, or provision, including any pilot program, that was extended through June 4, 2004, by section 1 of Public Law 108-217 is further extended through July 23, 2004, under the same terms and conditions.

SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 2 of Public Law 108-205 is amended by striking "October 1, 2003" and inserting "March 15, 2004". The amendment made by the preceding sentence shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the section to which it relates.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR TURKMENISTAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-189)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee

on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the "Act"), as amended, with respect to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act to Turkmenistan. This document constitutes my recommendation to continue this waiver for a further 12-month period and includes my determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Turkmenistan will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act, and my reasons for such determination.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 3, 2004.

REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-190)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the "Act"), as amended, with respect to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act to the Republic of Belarus. This document constitutes my recommendation to continue this waiver for a further 12-month period and includes my determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act, and my reasons for such determination.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 3, 2004.

REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR VIETNAM—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108-191)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the "Act"), as amended, with respect to the continuation of a waiver of application of sub-

sections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act to Vietnam. This document constitutes my recommendation to continue in effect this waiver for a further 12-month period and includes my determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act and my reasons for such determination.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 3, 2004.

**HOUR OF MEETING ON FRIDAY,
JUNE 4, 2004**

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at noon tomorrow, Friday, June 4, 2004.

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

There was no objection.

ENRON TRADERS PLOT MARKET RIGGING

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I happen to represent a great and wonderful community, Houston, Texas. But in that community is a company called Enron. And I watched during the 2 or 3 years past when 5,000 employees were laid off, through no fault of their own, and through some of the crumbling and outrageous behavior of some of those now before the justice system.

But I come to condemn the outrageous comments made by Enron employees that really have no place in any part of corporate America.

As the words go: "So the rumor is true that they are taking all of the 'blank' money back from you guys; all that money you stole from those poor grandmothers in California?"

Response: "Yeah, Grandma Millie, man, she's the one who could not figure out how to 'blank' vote on the butterfly ballot."

Trader: "Now she wants her 'blank' money back for all the power you jammed up her 'blank' for \$250 megawatts an hour."

Let me ask corporate America to establish a code of conduct. This is outrageous. This should be condemned, and I hope they get their due justice. This does not reflect hard-working employees who every day get up and try to do their job.

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