

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1608

Mrs. EMERSON and Mr. DUNCAN changed their vote from “no” to “aye.” So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall No. 358, because of an interview on a network. If I had been present I would have voted “aye.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall vote Nos. 355–358. If I were present, I would have voted: “Yes” on rollcall vote No. 355 (the Gordon Amendment); “yes” on rollcall vote No. 356 (the Jackson-Lee Amendment); “yes” on rollcall vote No. 357 (the Larson Amendment); “yes” on rollcall vote No. 358 (the Motion to Recommit).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, personal reasons will prevent me from being present for legislative business scheduled after 2 p.m. today, Friday, July 9, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on the amendment offered by Mr. GORDON (rollcall No. 355); “yes” on the amendment offered by Ms. JACKSON-LEE (rollcall No. 356); “aye” on the amendment offered by Mr. LARSON (rollcall No. 357); “aye” on the motion to recommit the bill H.R. 3598 (rollcall No. 358).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, due to a family commitment, I was not present in the Chamber on Friday, July 9, to cast my votes on rollcalls 355 through 358. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on each measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of the last day’s proceedings.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3889

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3889.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I take this time, as much as may be required, to inquire of the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), chairman of the Committee on Rules, of the schedule for next week.

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

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the chairman of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding to me, and as we have just observed, we have completed our business for the day and for the week.

The House will convene on Monday at 12:30 for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We plan to consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members’ offices by the end of this day. Any votes called for on those measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

Members should be aware we also plan to consider the rule for the fiscal year 2005 agriculture appropriation bill, as well as H.R. 4755, the fiscal 2005 Legislative Branch appropriation bill on Monday.

On Tuesday, and the balance of the week, we expect to consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules. We plan to complete consideration of the agriculture appropriation bill, as well as consider additional bills under a rule:

S. 15, the Project Bioshield Act; H.R. 4759, the U.S.–Australia Free Trade Agreement; and the fiscal year 2005 foreign operations appropriation bill.

Finally, and I know this will be pleasant news to all of our colleagues after a long Friday, we would like Members to know that a week from today, on Friday, July 16, we do not expect any votes on the floor.

And I would be happy to accept any questions that my friend from Maryland, the distinguished minority whip, might like to proffer.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information and appreciate his being open to additional questions.

To clarify the schedule for the appropriation bills the gentleman has listed for next week, does the gentleman anticipate on Monday that we will complete the Legislative Branch bill?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, yes, the Legislative Branch appropriation bill, we hope. Then, as I say, we will be bringing up the rule on the agriculture appropriation bill. And I doubt that that will be completed at that time. It will go over.

Mr. HOYER. So on Tuesday the gentleman expects we will complete the Ag bill?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, yes, the agriculture appropriation bill will be our work primarily on Tuesday.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman have a feel for when we will consider the Foreign Ops appropriation bill?

Mr. DREIER. Probably on Thursday of next week we would most likely consider the Foreign Ops bill.

Mr. HOYER. Will we consider the BioShield bill on that day as well?

Mr. DREIER. No, our plan is to, on Wednesday, deal with both the BioShield Act as well as the U.S.–Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. Now, on the Australia Free Trade Agreement, or any other trade bill, what day does the gentleman anticipate we will be considering the Australia Free Trade bill?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as I said, along with the BioShield Act on Wednesday we also anticipate considering the U.S.–Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. HOYER. All right. I thank the gentleman. On the appropriation bills that we will consider, will they be considered under the usual rule? I understand perhaps the legislative rule may be a restrictive rule.

And I yield to the gentleman, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DREIER. Yes, if the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman knows, we have already addressed the issue of the rule for the legislative branch appropriation bill, and that is in fact a structured rule. It is our intention on the other measures that are before us to consider them under the standard open amendment process, just as we have this week on the appropriation issues that we have addressed.

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

Mr. DREIER. I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. HOYER. In closing, Mr. Speaker, and I do not want to get deeply into this, but can we anticipate votes on any of these? And if we can anticipate votes on them, will they be in the approximate range of 15 to 20 to 25 minutes? Or does the gentleman have any idea what our plan is?

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I would simply say that it is our intention, as is always the case, to have the majority comply with rule XX, clause 2(a), which states that all votes should be held within a minimum of 15 minutes. And then, if my friend would further yield, I would say it is also quite possible that some Members, either still coming to the chamber or who are in the Chamber, who might either have not voted if they are coming to the Chamber or if they are here, may want to consider changing their votes.

As has often been the case, as I said in my closing remarks on the rule today, when I served in the minority, during those wonderful 14 years that my friend was in the majority before 1994, and also since we have been in the majority, we have clearly done that.

So I thank my friend for yielding, and it is our intention to simply comply with clause 2(a), rule XX, when it comes to dealing with votes.