

ADJOURNMENT FROM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1995 TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, January 11, 1995, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 13.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBERS TO EXTEND REMARKS FOR LEGISLATIVE DAY OF JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that for the legislative day of January 4, 1995 all Members be permitted to extend their remarks, and to include extraneous material, in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extension of Remarks".

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

There was no objection.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, your committee appointed on the part of the House to join a like committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled and is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make has performed that duty.

Mr. Speaker, I might point out that the committee consisted of myself and the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT]. We had a pleasant conversation with the President. I am sure he will be communicating to us later.

Mr. Speaker, I yield, if he should wish, to the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT], for any remarks he would like to make.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This call was a tradition which we have usually fulfilled. We fulfilled it earlier today or yesterday with the gentleman from Texas. We did inform the President, as we are required to do, that the House is seated, we have elected officers, elected a Speaker, and that

we were ready for legislative action, and I believe we are having a meeting later today with the President and the bipartisan leadership.

COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 7) providing for the designation of certain minority employees, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 7

Resolved, That pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended, the six minority employees authorized therein shall be the following named persons, effective January 3, 1995, until otherwise ordered by the House, to-wit: Thomas O'Donnell, George Kundanis, Marti Thomas, Michael Wessel, Laura Nichols, and Steve Elmendorf, each to receive gross compensation pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 119, Ninety-fifth Congress, as enacted into permanent law by section 115 of Public Law 95-94. In addition, the Minority Leader may appoint and set the annual rate of pay for up to three further minority employees.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 8) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 8

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, the hour of meeting of the House shall be 2 o'clock post meridiem on Mondays; 11 o'clock ante meridiem on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and 10 o'clock ante meridiem on all other days of the week up to and including May 13, 1995; and that from May 15, 1995, until the end of the first session, the hour of daily meeting of the House shall be noon on Mondays and 10 o'clock ante meridiem on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUR OF MEETING FOR MORNING HOUR DEBATE AND RESTRICTED SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES UNTIL FEBRUARY 16, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, upon consultation with the minority leader, the Speaker has announced the format for recognition for morning hour debate and restricted special order speeches, which will continue until February 16, 1995. It is understood that the continuation of this format for recognition by the Speaker is without prejudice to the Speaker's ultimate

power of recognition under clause 2 of rule XIV should circumstances so warrant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that until February 16, 1995, the House may convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week solely for the purpose of conducting morning hour debates under the following conditions:

First, prayer by the Chaplain, approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag to be postponed until the resumption of the House session following the completion of morning hour debate;

Second, debate to be limited to 30 minutes allocated to each party, with initial and subsequent recognitions alternating between parties;

Third, recognition to be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the respective leaderships;

Fourth, no Member to be permitted to address the House for longer than 5 minutes except for the majority leader, minority leader, and minority whip; and

Fifth, morning hour debate will be followed by a recess declared by the Speaker pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, until the appointed hour for the resumption of legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

FORMAT FOR SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER. Upon consultation with the minority leader, the Chair announces that the format for recognition for morning hour debate and restricted special order speeches, which began on February 23, 1994, will continue until February 16, 1995, as outlined below:

On Tuesdays, following legislative business, the Chair may recognize Members for special order speeches up to midnight, and such speeches may not extend beyond midnight. On all other days of the week, the Chair may recognize Members for special order speeches up to four hours after the conclusion of 5-minute special orders speeches. Such speeches may not extend beyond the 4-hour limit without the permission of the Chair, which may be granted only with advance consultation between the leaderships and notification to the House. However, at no time shall the Chair recognize for any special order speeches beyond midnight.

The Chair will first recognize Members for 5-minute special order speeches, alternating initially and subsequently between the parties regardless of the date the order was granted by the House. The Chair will then recognize longer special orders speeches. The 4-hour limitation will be divided between the majority and minority parties. Each party is entitled to reserve

its first hour for respective leaderships or their designees. Recognition will alternate initially and subsequently between the parties, regardless of the date the order was granted by the House.

The allocation of time within each party's 2-hour period, or shorter period if prorated to end by midnight, is to be determined by a list submitted to the Chair by the respective leaderships. Members may not sign up for any special order speeches earlier than 1 week prior to the special order, and additional guidelines may be established for such signups by the respective leaderships.

Pursuant to clause 9(b)(1) of rule I, the television cameras will not pan the Chamber, but a "crawl" indicating morning hour or that the House has completed its legislative business and is proceeding with special order speeches will appear on the screen. Other television camera adaptations during this period may be announced by the Chair.

The continuation of this format for recognition by the Speaker is without prejudice to the Speaker's ultimate power of recognition under clause 2 of rule XIV should circumstances so warrant.

PROVIDING AMOUNTS FOR THE REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 9) providing amounts for the Republican Steering Committee and the Democratic Party Committee, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 9

Resolved, That, effective at the beginning of the 104th Congress, there shall be available, in equal amounts to the Republican Steering Committee and the Democratic Policy Committee, such sums as may be necessary, to be provided, as determined by the Committee on Appropriations, from amounts previously appropriated for other purposes under the appropriation for salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, fiscal year 1995.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR TRANSFER OF TWO EMPLOYEE POSITIONS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 10) providing for the transfer of two employee positions, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 10

Resolved, That, effective at the beginning of the 104th Congress, two statutory em-

ployee positions under the chief majority whip are transferred to the majority leader.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICE AND COURAGE OF ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS DAVID HILEMON AND BOBBY W. HALL II

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on National Security be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 1) recognizing the sacrifice and courage of Army Warrant Officers David Hilemon and Bobby W. Hall II, whose helicopter was shot down over North Korea on December 17, 1994, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to do that, I think it needs to be explained, and I would like for the gentleman from South Carolina to concur in this, that this resolution deals with the fact that a helicopter of the Army was downed in Korea on December 17, 1994, and that Army Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon and Army Chief Warrant Officer Bobby W. Hall II were shot down over North Korea.

This resolution is intended to recognize the sacrifice of Army Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon to his country and to express the gratitude for his selflessness and deepest regret for his loss of life to his family and to recognize the exceptional service of Army Chief Warrant Officer Bobby W. Hall II to his country and express commendation for his courage.

Am I correct, I ask the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPENCE]?

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

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. SPENCE. That is exactly it, yes.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out in particular to the families of those involved this was a tremendous ordeal.

The individuals involved deserve the commendation that is given in this resolution. It was a very strenuous thing for our country to go through.

It is only appropriate that the very first order of business of this Congress in terms of a formal resolution, beyond the proceedings we have done earlier today, be this concurrent resolution.

With that in mind, and further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs.

THURMAN], in whose district resides the family and Bobby Hall, Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, who did survive, and I yield for whatever comment she may make under my reservation.

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Mrs. THURMAN. I thank the gentleman from Florida and the gentleman from South Carolina.

I know that you have worked tirelessly today to help me get this up tonight. So I really do appreciate their concern and their help.

Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a resolution recognizing the sacrifice and courage of Army Warrant Officers Bobby Hall and David Hilemon, whose helicopter was shot down over North Korea on December 17, 1994.

David Hilemon gave his life in the service of our country, and Bobby Hall performed with bravery and honor during his 13 days in captivity in North Korea. These soldiers displayed the highest ideals of our armed services, and their efforts on behalf of our country should be justly noted.

In addition, I thank the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. RICHARDSON] who played an invaluable role in bringing this incident to a close, and he also deserves our gratitude. His leadership helped secure the remains of David Hilemon, and he kept the pressure on the North Koreans to release Bobby Hall.

Bobby Hall lives in Brooksville, FL, in the district I represent. On Saturday, Brooksville will be having a celebration in honor of his homecoming.

I have to tell you I never saw anything like it, with yellow ribbons and declared vigils, people coming out into the street, giving food and doing things for the Halls and for their family and loved ones. They just went out of their way to make sure that these folks were taken care of in a time that was not easy.

I do not believe that I ever have seen a community so committed or so united in purpose. Saturday's celebration will be a fitting tribute to Bobby Hall and his family and to the thousands of people who prayed for his safe return.

Finally, I want to express my condolences to the family of David Hilemon for their loss.

I again thank the gentlemen for their assistance.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to do so, I want to thank the gentlewoman for her efforts in this matter, and I would like to comment on the record that first of all Brooksville, FL, was my birthplace and hometown and Bobby Hall II whom we are noting here in this commendation, his father was in my high school class when I graduated from high school, Hernando High School there.

I did spend time speaking with his father on several occasions during the