

Greenwood	LoBiondo	Sanford	Rahall	Skaggs	Tucker
Gunderson	Longley	Saxton	Rangel	Slaughter	Velazquez
Gutknecht	Lucas	Scarborough	Reed	Spratt	Vento
Hall (TX)	Manzullo	Schaefer	Reynolds	Stark	Visclosky
Hancock	Martini	Schiff	Richardson	Stenholm	Volkmer
Hansen	McCollum	Seastrand	Rivers	Stokes	Ward
Hastert	McCrery	Sensenbrenner	Roemer	Studds	Waters
Hastings (WA)	McDade	Shadegg	Ros-Lehtinen	Stupak	Watt (NC)
Hayes	McHugh	Shaw	Roybal-Allard	Tanner	Waxman
Hayworth	McInnis	Shays	Rush	Taylor (MS)	Williams
Hefley	McIntosh	Shuster	Sabo	Tejeda	Wilson
Heineman	McKeon	Skeen	Sanders	Thompson	Wise
Henger	Metcalfe	Smith (MI)	Sawyer	Thornton	Woolsey
Hilleary	Meyers	Smith (NJ)	Schroeder	Thurman	Wyden
Hobson	Mica	Smith (TX)	Schumer	Torkildsen	Wynn
Hoekstra	Miller (FL)	Smith (WA)	Scott	Torres	Yates
Hoke	Molinari	Solomon	Serrano	Torricelli	
Horn	Montgomery	Souder	Sisisky	Towns	
Hostettler	Moorhead	Spence			
Houghton	Myers	Stearns			
Hunter	Myrick	Stockman	Brown (CA)	Skelton	
Hutchinson	Nethercutt	Stump			
Hyde	Neumann	Talent			
Inglis	Ney	Tate			
Istook	Norwood	Tauzin			
Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Taylor (NC)			
Johnson, Sam	Oxley	Thomas			
Jones	Packard	Thornberry			
Kasich	Paxon	Tiahrt			
Kelly	Petri	Trafigant			
Kim	Pombo	Upton			
King	Porter	Vucanovich			
Kingston	Portman	Waldholtz			
Klug	Pryce	Walker			
Knollenberg	Quillen	Walsh			
Kolbe	Quinn	Wamp			
LaHood	Radanovich	Watts (OK)			
Largent	Ramstad	Weldon (FL)			
Latham	Regula	Weldon (PA)			
LaTourette	Riggs	Weller			
Lazio	Roberts	White			
Leach	Rogers	Whitfield			
Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher	Wicker			
Lewis (KY)	Rose	Wolf			
Lightfoot	Roth	Young (AK)			
Linder	Roukema	Young (FL)			
Lipinski	Royce	Zeliff			
Livingston	Salmon	Zimmer			

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Abercrombie	Edwards	Levin
Ackerman	Engel	Lewis (GA)
Baesler	Eshoo	Lincoln
Baldacci	Evans	Lofgren
Barcia	Farr	Lowe
Barrett (WI)	Fattah	Luther
Becerra	Fazio	Maloney
Beilenson	Fields (LA)	Manton
Bentsen	Filner	Markley
Berman	Flake	Martinez
Bevill	Foglietta	Mascara
Bishop	Ford	Matsui
Bonior	Frank (MA)	McCarthy
Borski	Frank	McDermott
Boucher	Furse	McHale
Brewster	Gejdenson	McKinney
Browder	Gephardt	McNulty
Brown (FL)	Geren	Meehan
Brown (OH)	Gibbons	Meek
Bryant (TX)	Gonzalez	Menendez
Bunn	Gordon	Mfume
Cardin	Green	Miller (CA)
Chapman	Gutierrez	Mineta
Clay	Hall (OH)	Minge
Clayton	Hamilton	Mink
Clement	Harman	Moakley
Clyburn	Hastings (FL)	Mollohan
Coleman	Hefner	Moran
Collins (IL)	Hilliard	Morella
Collins (MI)	Hinche	Murtha
Condit	Holden	Nadler
Conyers	Hoyer	Neal
Costello	Jackson-Lee	Oberstar
Coyne	Jacobs	Obey
Danner	Jefferson	Oliver
de la Garza	Johnson (SD)	Ortiz
Deal	Johnson, E.B.	Orton
DeFazio	Johnston	Owens
DeLauro	Kanjorski	Pallone
Dellums	Kaptur	Parker
Deutscher	Kennedy (MA)	Pastor
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (RI)	Payne (NJ)
Dicks	Kennelly	Payne (VA)
Dingell	Kildee	Pelosi
Dixon	Kleczka	Peterson (FL)
Doggett	Klink	Peterson (MN)
Dooley	LaFalce	Pickett
Doyle	Lantos	Pomeroy
Durbin	Laughlin	Poshard

NOT VOTING—2

Brown (CA)

Skelton

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 267, 268, and 269, I was unavoidably detained away from the Capitol. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 267, "yes" on No. 268, and "no" on No. 269.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 4, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1995

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 4, the clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes, and to correct section references, in the bill.

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

There was no objection.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 889, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 889) making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SEN-SEN-BRENNER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I take this time to simply note that for the last 2 days, this side of the aisle has been trying to

find out what the process would be by which we would go to conference, who would be on that conference, and when this motion would be made.

It was not until literally 2 or 3 minutes ago that I was informed what the decision had been. No opportunity was given to me to consult the members of my committee who would not be contemplated as being conferees and no consultation was made on this side of the aisle about the wisdom of dividing conferees between the defense conference and the domestic conference, even though it is the apparent intention of the majority party to raid domestic programs in order to finance defense add-ons.

It was explained to us that the Speaker was even considering the unprecedented action of reducing the number of Democratic conferees below the ratio that we hold on the committee in order to provide a stacked deck for the conference. We had no knowledge about who would be on the conference until just several moments ago.

Given the fact that I have had no opportunity at all to consult with Members on my side of the aisle and given the fact that the majority party apparently intends to go to conference on Tuesday and given the fact that they can still do that if they wait until next week to make this motion, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

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

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from Wisconsin readily knows, for the last 40 years it has been the rules of this House for the Speaker of the House to determine the conferees, and we have always, as Members of the former minority, been told who the conferees would be and have had to adhere to the restrictions laid down by the Speaker.

But the gentleman also might know that I hold in my hand a list of proposed conferees dated March 23, 1995, which we gave to the gentleman as far back as yesterday—

Mr. OBEY. Two minutes ago.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Yesterday the gentleman had this exact list, either directly or through his staff. It is exactly what we have been talking with the Speaker about and have gotten agreement on.

The gentleman's objections are way off base. I would simply urge all Members to let us go to conference as rapidly as possible.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would simply note with all due respect to my friend the gentleman from Louisiana, that it is true that we were given a tentative list of conferees yesterday but at the same time we were told by persons on that side of the aisle that the Speaker was contemplating changing

that list. We were told we would be notified when the decision was made so we would have an opportunity to discuss that issue with our side of the aisle and were given no such opportunity.

I feel we are perfectly within our rights to object because of the way this has been handled.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. Surely.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. The gentleman is free to object, but the fact is that the identical list of proposed conferees that was given his staff yesterday has been agreed to.

The Speaker under 40 years of Democratic rule of the House of Representatives had taken it unto himself to have sole prerogative over who the conferees are. That has not changed. I am at a loss to understand how the gentleman has been put out of sorts by the agreement on a list that his staff had yesterday.

I am reminded, to go one step further, that the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] once called a conference, adjourned the House, went back to the Cloakroom, confected the conference, reported out the reports of the conference all within the space of 2 minutes, and the minority was given no opportunity to object. The gentleman has had ample opportunity to give input.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. OBEY was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would simply note that with all due respect to what may happen on other committees, on our committee there has always been a tradition of due notice and due consultation before any such appointments have been made.

I would also ask the gentleman if he can tell me any time in the past during which the Speaker has threatened to reduce the number of Democratic conferees on an appropriations conference below that of the ratio on the committee.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Will the gentleman yield?

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

Mr. LIVINGSTON. The gentleman well knows that this entire conference centers around a national security problem. The gentleman knows that because of the deployment of troops around the world in many forgotten spots of this wide globe of ours that the readiness, maintenance, operations, training hours, and many other importance areas have been depleted within the Pentagon, and we have had to come forward and try to replace those monies so that the Pentagon, the Defense Department of this country, can carry out its mission without running short of money.

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Now, it has been the point of view of the gentleman from Louisiana and the gentleman from Florida, the distinguished chairman of the subcommittee—

Mr. OBEY. Reclaiming my time for just one second to correct something the gentleman said, the fact is the guts of this conference is not solely the provision of the authority that the gentleman is talking about. It is also the intent of the majority party to take domestic accounts to pay for Pentagon bills in a bill which is not even fully paid for and which adds to the deficit.

Until we can get an understanding about not adding to the deficit, I am going to object.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SENBRENNER). The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. It is my understanding, or am I correct in understanding that if the gentleman's objection is heard and we cannot go to conference using the very same names of the conferees that were submitted to his staff yesterday, that we are going to be forced to roll over until Tuesday and not appoint conferees until Tuesday, and that the critical interests of the Defense Department will not be met because the conference will not be had until later than that?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, that is not a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin is correct.

Mr. OBEY. You can go to conference on Tuesday at the same time as you could under your motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin is correct. This is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, to rephrase my parliamentary inquiry, the gentleman from Louisiana is under the impression that with the gentleman's objection, we cannot go to conference. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. All right. Then further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, when might we be able to go to conference on this critical defense issue?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Louisiana knows that there are two ways by which a bill can be committed to conference. One is by unanimous consent, and second is by a motion made pursuant to rule XX of the Rules of the House, or by a rule from the Committee on Rules. That is a third way.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. OBEY. Is it not true that the gentleman can easily find himself in conference on Tuesday just as he would have found himself in conference on Tuesday if he makes this motion Tuesday using the right rule?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. OBEY. It may not be, but it is a fact.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time to inquire of the distinguished majority leader about the schedule for the following week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from Missouri for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the House will not be in session on Monday, March 27.

On Tuesday, March 28, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business to consider five bills under suspension of the rules:

H.R. 849, the Age Discrimination Employment Act Amendments of 1995;

H.R. 529, the Targhee National Forest Land Exchange;

H.R. 606, the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act Amendments;

H.R. 622, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995; and

H.R. 256, the Fort Carson and Pinyon Canyon Land Withdrawal.

If any recorded votes are ordered, they will not take place before 5 p.m. on Tuesday. After we complete action on the five suspensions, we will take up the rule for House Joint Resolution 73, the term limits constitutional amendment.

For Wednesday, March 29, and the balance of the week, the House will complete consideration of House Joint Resolution 73.

Meeting times for the House are 11 a.m. on Wednesday and 10 a.m. on Thursday.

The House will not be in session on Friday, March 31.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, first, it is probably clear, but maybe we need to make it clear, I take it there are no more votes today?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, that is correct.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

Second, I would like to ask regarding the days off next week, can the gentleman advise whether or not he expects votes on Thursday? I assume that he will be meeting on Thursday on some of these matters.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, yes, that is correct. We do expect