

70,000 felons and other prohibited buyers from getting guns. That is very, very critical.

In my State of Colorado this week we saw all sorts of backsliding on gun legislation, with people trying to push easy access to concealed weapons. This is not what this country needs.

So I salute this campaign to protect sane gun laws, and I certainly hope all of us work very hard to hold the gains we made in these last 14 years after the tragic event that happened 14 years ago today.

Mr. Speaker, today—March 30—marks the 14th anniversary of the shooting of President Reagan and his press secretary, Jim Brady. And tomorrow marks the beginning of a campaign to protect sane gun laws by 82 national organizations representing 88 million members. Why are these organizations mobilizing? Because tomorrow also marks the beginning of a congressional campaign to repeal Federal gun laws, beginning with hearings and culminating in floor consideration in May of a bill to repeal the assault weapon ban.

Take heed, America. Sensible gun laws are at risk. That means that you are at risk. The gun lobby is working hard to weaken the Brady law's waiting periods and background checks that screen out criminals, as well as the assault weapons ban and the enforcement of Federal firearm laws. Yet we know Brady works—last year it stopped about 70,000 felons and other prohibited buyers from getting handguns over the counter.

In my State of Colorado, the House this week passed a bill to ease access to concealed weapons. It would require the State to issue concealed weapons permits to anyone who meets minimum qualifications. We hear the sheriff of El Paso County is handing out concealed weapons like candy. The bill led one Democratic House Member to predict that traffic altercations and arguments in bars would turn into homicides in a floodgate of lawlessness. We might as well return to the Wild West.

This backsliding from sane guns laws is troubling. Putting more guns on the street will not make our communities safer. And it certainly won't make our children safer.

PULLING THE TRIGGER ON GUNS

Even as States ease restrictions on concealed weapons, the gun lobby is eyeing a far-reaching rollback of federal gun-control laws. Although top priority is repeal of last year's assault-weapons ban, another measure being eyed by a task force appointed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich would wipe out all other gun-related sections of last year's crime bill—even the ban on juvenile handgun possession. "The sooner we get rid of that iniquitous bill, the better," says a top National Rifle Association official.

To smooth the way, House Republicans plan a series of hearings beginning this week at which crime victims will testify how fire-power saved their lives. One woman shopkeeper, for example, is expected to tell how she blew away an assailant with an AR-15 assault weapon. "The idea is to show firearms are an important part of public safety and self-defense," says a GOP staffer. Gun-control advocates predict the hearings will backfire. "They're playing to a small band of extremists," says New York Rep. Charles Schumer.

NAMING CERTAIN ROOMS IN HOUSE WING OF THE CAPITOL IN HONOR OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT H. MICHEL

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 65) naming certain rooms in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol in honor of former Representative Robert H. Michel, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would ask the gentleman from California if he would kindly explain the purpose of the resolution and the three amendments that he wishes to offer which are at the desk.

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

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding. House Resolution 65, which was unanimously approved in the Committee on House Oversight on March 8, 1995, with the three technical amendments that we will offer, is a resolution that was introduced by Speaker GINGRICH on February 8, 1995, to do as we sometimes do in this body, name certain rooms after a figure who indicates a significant benchmark or milestone in the history of this House, and the resolution by Speaker GINGRICH asks that the House wing in the Capitol be named after former representative Bob Michel.

Clearly, by unanimous agreement the committee thought that it was most appropriate to do. Mr. Michel retired after 38 years of distinguished service in this House, including 14 years as the Republican leader, the longest tenure of any Republican in that capacity.

The rooms to be so designated will be H-230, 231, and 232. Those are the rooms that Mr. Michel occupied as the minority leader and are currently the rooms occupied by the Speaker of the House.

I will offer the technical amendments to the title, preamble, and text of the resolution which were recommended by legislative counsel after the gentleman withdraws his reservation.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT], the leader for the Democratic side.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pleasure that I join in supporting this resolution which would name a suite of offices in the honor of our friend and colleague, Bob Michel, who retired last year from his post as minority leader.

Undoubtedly true, that Bob and I disagreed on most legislation, and when

we disagreed he was a very tough adversary, but he was the very best the Republican Party had to offer. In times of conflict as in times of consensus, Bob Michel led his party with grace and class and decency that inspired confidence on both sides of the aisle.

Maybe it was the depth of his understanding of the legislative process and how to make that process work for the people, an understanding that he honed over 38 years of dedicated service to the people of Peoria, IL.

Maybe it was the way that he worked for consensus within his own conference, bridging differences to be sure at the end of the day we could make progress on important legislation.

Or perhaps it was the way he knew when to fight for his party or when to put partisanship aside and work to advance the goals that transcend party or politics.

Or maybe it was simply his love for this institution, his faith in our democracy, and the way he became part of all of our lives.

But I know that the House will never be the same without a Bob Michel. And he should know that he has earned the admiration of both his colleagues and his constituents. I am grateful for his 38 years of service to the United States of America, and I am grateful that all of us can call him a friend, and I am delighted that we will be naming these rooms he once occupied in his own name so that his name, his memory, and his example will forever inspire all who will walk through these halls.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, and I obviously do not intend to, I want to speak out of the deepest possible respect for the wisdom and leadership of former minority leader Michel as well. Bob Michel exemplified the highest ideal of bipartisanship. When he gave his word, you could rely on it. He was fair and compassionate.

His door was open to Members of both parties, junior and senior Members alike. He was a bridge builder. And as minority leader he was an honest and straightforward person.

He was a staunch defender of minority rights and now we in the Democratic Party know better than ever just how important it was to have someone of Bob Michel's stature be the person who continued to insist on the rights that the minority in this Congress will always maintain.

I have nothing but praise for Bob Michel and believe this resolution is a fitting way for the House to recognize the contributions of one of its most exemplary Members in its modern history, and I look forward to the actual dedication.

Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON].

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding. I want to add my thoughts to the accolades given

to our friend, Bob Michel. He was here in the House for 38 years. He came here shortly after the Republicans were in the majority. He served in the minority throughout his process, throughout his term in office, and after he left, well, the Republicans gained the majority again.

And my heart goes out to him, because I will tell you what, he was one heck of a minority leader and he would have been one heck of a majority leader or Speaker.

I know it was not in the cards for Bob Michel to attain the speakership, but I thought it was a very generous act of the outgoing majority leader who might have been Speaker to hand the gavel to Bob Michel and let him preside over the new House for just a few minutes. And I will always remember that because that kind of memorializes in my mind the tremendous stature that Bob Michel enjoyed on both sides of the aisle.

He was a leader for his time; he was a man that could work with a large variety of people, a wide disparity of philosophical and political viewpoints, and yet he brought people together, and, frankly, never failed to do so with great humor and good fellowship.

So, I join with my friends in paying tribute to my friend, Bob Michel. I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the majority leader.

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

I would like to take just a moment to also express my appreciation that we have such a resolution before us. To name these rooms after Bob Michel I think is probably the least we can do.

I got home from work the other night and doing that business called channel surfing I came across an old movie, "The Battle of the Bulge," and I thought about Bob Michel because Bob Michel was one of us from our body that had actually been in the Battle of the Bulge, and realizing what must have been that terrible, terrible momentous struggle. And as so often I do when I see these depictions on television or at the movies, I wonder about the quiet bravery and resolve of these men caught up in these mortal conflicts. And although I think the gentleman from California will agree our conflicts here are not always mortal, there are times when they may seem that way.

And it was always we found in Bob Michel a quiet courage and resolve; one that was gentlemanly, one that was courteous, one that was always respectful, and one nevertheless that reflected the demeanor of a man who could look at all of our turmoil, all of our differences here, all that turns out to sometimes be hard feelings, and very calmly approach that with the eye of a person who had seen things so much

worse and had been sustained over the years by an understanding that yes, we will survive this conflict today as we have done those others and endow in each of us an understanding that whatever might be the passion or the anger or the feeling of a moment, it will pass and our lives will go on and this great republic will go on.

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So for us to enshrine in the memory of that kind of quiet confidence in this great institution rooms named after the inspiration that we drew on so many times from Bob Michel, I think, will be a good reflection for each of us to make from either side of the aisle as we walk down those halls and recognize those rooms.

So, again, let me thank you for bringing this to the floor and express my most appreciative support for the effort.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, let me simply say I think the majority leader speaks eloquently of the stature of this person who never allowed his very partisan role in the institution to separate him in any personal sense from any Member. He never let the partisanship, which is part of the political debate here, interfere with his basic humanity and his willingness to be a friend to all of his colleagues.

Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER], the former chairman of this caucus.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding.

I rise to join all of those who have already spoken on behalf of this resolution and, more importantly, on behalf of honoring a great American, a thoughtful American, yes, as the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] has said, a partisan American, but first an American, first a gentleman who loved his country, a gentleman who loved this institution, a gentleman who loved his fellow human beings and extended to them courtesy and respect and consideration.

I would doubt that there is a Member of either party who had the privilege of serving with Bob Michel who did not not only respect him, but hold him in deep affection.

Bob Michel was in this issue institution a person who brought us together, even at times of partisan differences. That is why Democrats and Republicans alike stand to support and to honor someone who has enriched this institution and greatly enriched his country.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH].

Mr. GINGRICH. I thank my friend, the gentleman from California, for yielding.

I just want to say I am very grateful for the spirit of bipartisan support.

You know, I think when the history of the House in this century is written that Mr. Michel will have an unusual place. He entered the House shortly after the Republican Party had lost its majority. He served in the minority his entire time, but he brought to it a spirit of bipartisanship, a spirit of patriotism, I think a spirit of sincere desire to work with every Member of the House, to uphold the dignity of the House, to do the best he could working with Presidents of both parties.

His career spans much of the most intense period of the cold war. Anyone who ever traveled with him knows he had friends across the planet he had made while working to uphold the position of freedom all over the world.

He certainly, for our generation of Republicans, gave us a sense of leadership. We served, in effect, an apprenticeship with him, and I think that the House today and the spirit that was just expressed by my friend from Maryland in a bipartisan way honoring a man like this who has served the House and served this country is exactly the right thing to do.

So I am very grateful to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for joining us in this.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT].

Mr. HASTERT. I certainly appreciate the gentleman from California for yielding.

Bob Michel, when I came to the U.S. Congress, Bob Michel certainly was already established as a name and somebody who had served many, many years and a great record here. But no matter if I was the lowest guy from the delegation, Bob took time, counseled, sat down, was almost a father image and helped the youngest member of the delegation out, and I will always remember that.

You know, people have talked about Bob Michel. I guess it is the old ploy, it is good if it will play in Peoria. Bob Michel did play in Peoria time after time in the best sense of the world. He certainly represented the heartland of America. He brought those values and those ideals back to this floor and to this city, and every time that Bob Michel got up to speak, we would hear that good Midwestern common sense, metered hostility or praise or whatever he had to give. But it was certainly tempered with his roots back in Illinois.

And you know, I think we talk about Bob Michel being a quiet person. He certainly was, and unless there is a piano around, then he was not so quiet.

We talk about him being a true gentle man, but Bob Michel was also tough, and if there were things that he really felt that were going the wrong way, he would stand there and he would outwait you. He would listen to you and listen to you and listen to you,

and finally Bob Michel would have his way prevail. So he had that toughness inside.

I just really appreciate the opportunity here to speak about Bob and certainly to commemorate this part of this building in his name, something we can always remember. I think that is very, very fitting and proper to do.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS].

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from California for yielding. I deeply appreciate that.

I had the pleasure of making the motion to adopt this resolution in the House Oversight Committee, and I did that with pleasure for two reasons. First of all, these rooms have some meaning for me personally. My first experience in these rooms was meeting with then Minority Leader Gerald Ford a number of years ago when he asked me to serve as his personal science adviser and assemble scientists in his district to meet with him on a regular basis. That was my anointing into the political process, and I think had some influence on the fact that I ended up here today.

But above all, I want to speak on this issue, because of the outstanding character and quality of Mr. Michel himself. I first met him at about the same time I became acquainted with Mr. Ford. Mr. Michel came to speak in our district, and I met him, and I was immediately impressed with him, and throughout the years I have had other contact with him.

But what especially impressed me was when I was elected last year, in spite of the fact that he was the minority leader, he took ample time to help me get oriented, adjusted, and to become a true Member of this Congress, and I was impressed with his thoughtfulness, his kindness, his helpfulness, and above all, as has been emphasized here, the fact that he is a true gentleman, and he represents the epitome of what is good and proper about this institution.

It is with great pleasure that I support this resolution.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CRANE].

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleague for yielding.

It is a precious moment of recollection, and I said that when you think back on our 40 years in the wilderness, there are biblical parallels, and Bob Michel served 38 faithful years here, but like Moses, he saw the Promised Land but never entered it.

I first met Bob when I was teaching history down at Bradley University in Bob's hometown, and he was Uncle Bob to me, and he was a dear friend, and I admired him greatly long before I ever dreamed of joining him here.

I had the distinct honor of serving with him for 25 of his 38 years. I miss

him. I think we all miss him on a bipartisan basis.

Bob came down here when this place was infinitely more collegial than it has become. It strikes me that we are perhaps learning from the British Parliament in our exchanges here on the floor that I do not really recall in previous years.

But part of that was Bob's influence, and Bob had a gentlemanly demeanor. It was persistent. He could get filled with passion when he believed profoundly in an issue, but it never got down to personalities.

I think it is a fitting tribute that is being paid to Bob by memorializing his name here, a great public servant, a great patriot, and we all honor him.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, it is fair to say that in his 38 years in Congress, I might add—I hate to mention it, but I must—three times what he would have been allowed to serve under term limits as some would have it, he had many outstanding people serve on his staff, and the individual who most recently did a great job of representing him in his home base of Peoria is now a Member of this institution, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD].

Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD].

Mr. LAHOOD. I thank the gentleman, and I appreciate very much the gentleman from California allowing us Illinoisans to do this.

I want to announce to all Americans that Bob Michel is alive and well in Washington, DC. Actually there are people calling the cloakroom wondering if something has happened to him. He has not slipped on a banana. He is still around.

For so long, 12 years, I worked for Bob Michel, and many of the things that I have learned about this institution and have been able to bring to this institution I learned from my friend, Bob Michel. I would not be here today as a Member of the House of Representatives if it were not for Bob Michel. Having worked for him for 12 years and been his chief of staff for the last 4½ of those years was a marvelous experience.

So many times I said, while I campaigned, I am not going to fill Bob Michel's shoes. Nobody can do that. Nobody can fill the shoes of someone like Bob Michel. He is truly an extraordinary person.

And another thing that I have said for so long is that he is the last of a dying breed around this House. I do not know that there will ever be another Bob Michel, somebody with so many years of experience, but somebody who was so revered on both sides of the aisle by all of the Republicans and all of the Democrats in a way that I do not know that we have around here anymore.

I cannot think of a more fitting way to help remember him than this resolution that we are considering today.

Back in our home community last weekend there were some news accounts on our television, and as the newscasters were saying, "Peoria Congressman," I waited for them to say, "Bob Michel," because we have said that for so long, even in our own community, so I know that many people miss him here, and many people miss him in Peoria and elsewhere in the 18th district, and it is truly an honor for me to say whenever I can that I took Bob Michel's place, but I will not replace him, because he is irreplaceable.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANZULLO].

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, what a joy it is to participate in such an unique way to honor a person who is truly my personal hero in Congress.

I was elected in the 103d Congress, my first term in Congress and Bob Michel's last term in Congress. And I remember Bob was thinking about retiring. I sat next to him right over here. I said, "Bob," I said, "are you going to retire or are you going to stick around for one more term?" He said, "No." He said, "I just think it is time that I retire to give other people an opportunity to come into this body."

And probably one of the most moving events in my life occurred when the House Republican Conference had its very last meeting of the 103d Congress, and Bob came in. We had a birthday cake there, and everybody was singing and on their feet. I was sitting there in the chair just weeping like a child, knowing that somehow I was going to be deprived of the opportunity to serve numerous years with a man who is a truly remarkable American.

You know, in an age where people have incredible angers and will become short on words and sometimes say things we do not like to, probably the harshest thing Bob Michel would ever say would be, if he was really upset, would be "Gosh darn it," and you sort of look at him, and he had this almost comical smile on his face such as you really should not get mad about this, because the country depends upon all of us working together.

And I see the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] over here because he used to lock horns all the time with Bob, but you could never get mad at him.

Unfortunately, some of us end up getting a little bit upset with each other, treat each other like sandpaper at times, but Bob Michel always served to me as the epitome of a U.S. Congressman, and if I ever wanted to write a book on the person whom I would most want to emulate, that would be my personal hero, the man we are honoring through your resolution, VIC, and that is Bob Michel, and bless you for giving

us the opportunity to pay this little tribute to him.

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Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I must comment that I did have the opportunity to play golf with Bob on a number of occasions. He was known to use cuss words, always within the bounds of propriety, such as, "Golly, gosh, darn." He probably would have more of those than strokes per hole.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. WELLER].

Mr. WELLER. I thank the gentleman for yielding and for the opportunity to say a few words. As one of the new Members of Congress, one of the new kids on the block, I am one of those who cannot say that I served with Bob Michel. But I remember as a young man meeting Bob Michel for the first time at a political function in western Illinois. My impression was, "This guy is a nice guy. Everybody likes him. How can he be a leader? Leaders have to make tough decisions, leaders have to stand up and sometimes say 'no' for those who are in their flock whom they are trying to lead."

Mr. Speaker, I just want to commend the Speaker and the sponsors of this resolution for honoring an all-around nice guy, someone that Illinois was very proud to send to the House of Representatives for 38 years, who distinguished himself here.

Again, I thank the gentleman and, good job in moving forward on this resolution.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, let me yield to the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight, the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS]. But before I do, let me correct the record: This resolution was offered and sponsored by the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. And the Speaker.

Mr. FAZIO of California. And the other leaders on his side of the aisle. The minority is happy to participate, and we are very pleased that we can co-sponsor this resolution.

Mr. THOMAS. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that several of the new Members wanted to know whether or not we had enough rooms if we were going to name rooms after Members. I asked them to walk around and look at the number of rooms named for distinguished Members of this House. And all of the rooms that have not been named. I would just say, to anyone who wants to know whether or not rooms should be named after Bob Michel, to read the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following this presentation. There is ample reason. Anyone who meets the profile that has been discussed among Members here, we have ample rooms. I think you will find that very few of us would meet that profile.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection and look forward to supporting the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 65

Whereas, at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, Representative Robert H. Michel retired after 38 years of distinguished service in the House of Representatives, including service as the Republican leader beginning in 1981, the longest tenure of any Representative in that position: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the rooms numbered H-230, H-231, and H-232 in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol are named in honor of former Representative Robert H. Michel.

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. THOMAS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. THOMAS: Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert: That the rooms numbered H-230, H-231, and H-232 in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol shall be known and designated as the "Robert H. Michel Rooms".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS].

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution as amended.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE PREAMBLE OFFERED BY MR. THOMAS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the preamble.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment to the preamble offered by Mr. THOMAS: Amend the preamble by striking out "beginning in 1981" and inserting in lieu thereof "for 14 years".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment to the preamble offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS].

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE OFFERED BY MR. THOMAS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the title.

The Clerk read as follows:

Title amendment offered by Mr. THOMAS: Amend the title so as to read: "Resolution designating certain rooms in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol as the 'Robert H. Michel Rooms'".

The title amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous matter on House Resolution 65, the resolution just agreed to.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1995, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 889, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1995

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers may have until midnight tomorrow, March 31, 1995, to file a conference report on 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.

Mr. Speaker, this has been cleared with the minority.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 655, HYDROGEN FUTURE ACT OF 1995

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WALKER], I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Science have until 5 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 1995, to file a later report on H.R. 655, the Hydrogen Future Act of 1995.

Mr. Speaker, this request has been cleared with the minority.

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

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 to inquire of the majority leader about the schedule for the week to come.

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

Mr. HOYER. I am glad to yield to my friend, the gentleman from Texas, the distinguished majority leader.

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