

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.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 3, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We plan to take up the following bills under suspension of the rules:

H.R. 1345, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995; and very importantly;

H.R. 716, the Fisherman's Protective Act amendments;

H. Res. 120, the resolution expressing the sense of congress regarding the American citizens held in Iraq; and

H.R. 1271, the Family Privacy Protection Act.

Also, depending on the Senate's progress, we may consider a motion to go to conference on the FEMA emergency supplemental appropriations legislation. Members should be advised that there will be no recorded votes taken before 5 p.m. on Monday.

For Tuesday and the balance of the week the House will consider H.R. 660, the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 subject to a rule; H.R. 1240, the Sexual Crimes Against Children Prevention Act of 1995, subject to a rule; and H.R. 1215, the Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction Act, subject to a rule. We will also take up any conference reports that might become available next week.

Meeting times for the House will be 9:30 a.m., for morning hour and 11 a.m., for legislative business on Tuesday; 11 a.m. on Wednesday; and 10 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. Members should be advised that there will be votes on Friday and it is our hope to have Members on their way home to their districts for the April district work period by 3 p.m. on Friday.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for his comments.

On Tuesday, I inquire of the majority leader: He indicates that he will be seeking rules on the Housing for Elder Persons Act and the Sexual Crimes Against Children Prevention Act. Is either one of those controversial?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, I believe neither of those will be controversial. We expect them to both be granted open rules.

Mr. HOYER. Is there a reason for getting a rule as opposed to putting them on the suspension calendar?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield further, the reason is simply a fair and open debate.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

Referring to Friday, does the gentleman expect votes on Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. Yes, we do expect votes on Friday.

Mr. HOYER. Can the gentleman advise what we might be voting on Friday? Does the gentleman expect the tax bill to go over to Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield further, we do not expect the tax bill to go over on Friday, but we do have hopes that—we have conference reports that might be available, and we have some other legislation that we think we may be able to complete be-

fore we adjourn for our April district work period.

Mr. HOYER. The gentleman says the tax bill will be completed by that time. Can the leader tell me—it is going to be up on Wednesday—does the gentleman expect, since the rule has not been written for that at this point in time, can Members have the expectation of when they might be considering the tax bill?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield further, the Committee on Rules, as the gentleman knows, has been holding hearings on that and are making their deliberations. If everything goes according to expectations, we should expect we will begin the tax bill on Wednesday.

Mr. HOYER. And completed on Thursday?

Mr. ARMEY. I should expect so.

Mr. HOYER. That is the expectation.

Might I ask the majority leader, as someone who in years past—and we have not always met that date—I do not know the number, but with respect to the budget, can the majority leader give us an idea? Obviously, we are not going to be doing it next week, so we are not, presumably, meeting therefore the April 15 target date under the statute for presenting the budget. Could the majority leader tell me when that budget might be forthcoming?

I yield further to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Yes, our expectation is that that budget resolution will be brought to the floor early in May, we are very confident, by the middle of May.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the majority leader.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROEMER].

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the distinguished majority leader a couple of questions if I may. As the majority leader is aware, and as we are painfully aware on this side, we are in the minority but we still have families and children, and even though there are only 204 of us on the Democratic side, we have large families with lots of children in them, and we like to spend time with those children.

Last night we had an instance where we voted until 10 o'clock at night. We are now out at about 2:30 in the afternoon.

Could the distinguished majority leader tell me why we would not roll the votes from last night and not been in until 9:30, 10, last night, but be out by about 7 o'clock and have that time rolled over into today's time and debate and still be able to get home to our districts to work tonight.

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

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman again.

Mr. Speaker, again let me express my appreciation for the concerns the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. ROEMER]

raises. We have had a couple of windfalls. The gentleman may recall, we were able to shorten our proceedings last night by withdrawing one of the amendments and then moving more quickly than anybody anticipated to a final passage vote.

Second, today we had the additional unexpected windfall which enabled us to avoid having a recorded vote on the conference report. These things are not always predictable. In order to, on the one hand, be as confident as we can that we give the Members as certain as possible a departure time for those who have to make their planes, all too often, to the west coast, we try to be as complete in our planning as possible, and we appreciate the windfalls when we can get them.

Mr. HOYER. I yield further to the gentleman from Indiana for an additional question.

Mr. ROEMER. My second question of the majority leader would be a number of us on authorizing committees have not been marking up bills for various reasons. Some of the chairmen have been in budget committees, there has been a very, very busy schedule on the floor.

Now, when we come back from our work period after the April time frame, the authorization bills are going to be coming to the floor, trying to get time not only to mark up and get their bills out of committee and give vision and a macro picture of the budgetary process to the appropriators. The Appropriations Committee are also going to be trying to get time both in committee and on the floor.

Could the majority leader tell us with some kind of certainty what type of schedule we are looking at in this time period when we are going to have to make some very, very serious decisions on the budget, on appropriations bills? What is the schedule going to look like after April?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Again, the gentleman raises, I think extraordinary and important points. We should be able to put in your hands prior to your departure for your April work period back in your districts a schedule that will at least give you a clear understanding of what days we will be in and actually in the period of time after the April work period and before the August work period when we will be in session during that time frame 1 day fewer than we were last year.

There is no doubt, as I look at that, our congressional schedule will be much more close to normal in terms of last year and preceding years relative to what we have just been through in these 86 or 87 days.

When we take up business, obviously one of the first items we will have will be the budget and we will then subsequently move from budget to the appropriations, and a great deal of our

time on the floor will be by the committee appropriations bills, whereas the gentleman knows the Committee on Appropriations has on it membership those Members who have exclusive committee jurisdiction, and that should alleviate a great deal of the problem between committees.

But I would expect and fully anticipate that whether it be with respect to your committee work or floor work or a combination of both, and with respect to the hours we keep, that you are going to find a very refreshing change of pace, one that is much more congenial to your sincere desire to spend more time at home with your families.

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Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] and the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would thank the majority leader for the information he has given to us, to Members on both sides of the aisle, with reference to the schedule. I know I speak for the majority, that we are very pleased that there is the plan to give to the Members a pretty good understanding of what the schedule is going to be over the months of May and June and July. That would be very helpful to all of us I know.

I would urge the majority leader, as I have on my own said for almost all the years I have been here as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, to move the budget as quickly as possible so we can get our allocations to the Committee on Appropriations so they could report them out. As the gentleman knows, one of the problems we have had, not so much in recent years, but we had in the early 1980's, was the inability to pass appropriation bills prior to the September 30 end of the fiscal year, the consequential looking to continuing resolutions, the failure of funding the Government's operations for the new fiscal year, and so I would hope that we could see the budget come to the House as early in May as is possible, and I appreciate the majority leader's information and attention to these matters.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, I would just say the gentleman's point is well taken, and we have every intention of making this as expeditious and as full of process as possible.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1995, TO MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania). 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.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TRIBUTE TO CESAR CHAVEZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. FILNER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a great American leader and hero, Cesar E. Chavez. He was a husband, father, grandfather, labor organizer, community leader, and symbol of the ongoing struggle for equal rights and equal opportunity. March 31, the birthday of Cesar Chavez, has already been declared a State holiday in California. Today, I ask my colleagues to support legislation I just introduced to make March 31 a Federal holiday so that our entire Nation can honor Cesar Chavez for his many contributions.

Cesar Chavez, the son of migrant farm workers, dedicated his life to fighting for the human rights and dignity of farm workers. He was born March 31, 1927, on a small farm near Yuma, AZ, and died just 2 years ago, on April 23, 1993. Over the course of his 66 years, Cesar Chavez' work inspired millions and earned him a major place in American history.

In 1962, Cesar Chavez and his family founded the National Farm Workers Association, which organized thousands of farm workers to confront one of the most powerful industries in the country. He inspired them to join together and nonviolently demand safe and fair working conditions.

Through the use of a grape boycott, he was able to secure the first union

contracts for farm workers in the United States. These contracts provided farm workers with the basic services that most workers take for granted—services such as clean drinking water and sanitary facilities. In addition, Cesar Chavez made the world aware of the exposure to dangerous chemicals that farm workers—and consumers—face every day.

As a labor leader, he received great support from unions across the country, and the movement he began continues today as the United Farm Workers of America.

Cesar Chavez' influence extended far beyond agriculture. He was instrumental in forming the Community Service Organization—one of the first civic action groups in the Mexican-American communities of California and Arizona.

He worked in urban areas, organized voter registration drives, brought complaints against mistreatment by police and welfare officials, and empowered many to seek further advancement in education and politics. There are countless stories of judges, engineers, lawyers, teachers, church leaders, organizers, and other hard-working professionals who credit Cesar Chavez as the inspiring force in their lives.

In his fight for peace, justice, and respect, he gained the admiration and respect of millions of Americans, including this Congressman.

Cesar Chavez will be remembered for his tireless commitment to improve the plight of farm workers and the poor throughout the United States and for the inspiration his heroic efforts gave so many Americans to work nonviolently for justice in their communities.

We, in Congress, must make certain that the movement Cesar Chavez began, and the lessons he taught, will continue. In his honor, I urge my colleagues to support legislation to declare March 31 a Federal holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez. In the words of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers, "si se puede—yes we can."

MORE WISHFUL THINKING IN HAITI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, it has been 193 days since America's finest combat forces occupied Haiti, a friendly neighboring country. Tomorrow, the occupation will formally end as President Clinton travels to Port-au-Prince to declare the mission a victory and to pass the reins to the United Nations. Our prayers for Godspeed and a safe return, of course, go with him, our Commander in Chief and our President, but we wish it was truly a victory, a mission accomplished, but it is not that easy. We wish democracy, security, and stability could actually be a reality in Haiti, however it clearly takes more