

The Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I might note that all of these committees are sitting. We would like to actually have them sitting a little more and holding hearings on Medicare and Medicaid rather than the one hearing on Medicare they will be getting and the no hearings on Medicaid. Apparently, they are not going to sit. We are not going to delay that process, but everyone should know the train is rolling here. We think it is a sad day when you cannot have hearings on health matters that affect 70 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I may object, I think it is a legislative sin and a shame that you have been in control of this House for 10 months, you have been promising a Medicare bill for 10 months, and today nobody has seen a copy of that bill. That is the most complicated piece of legislation that this Congress will take up this year.

You are trying to sneak it past us, very cleverly, very stealthily, without any hearings. No one will understand it. No one will understand it.

Look at me now, how can you do such a thing and then come here and ask unanimous consent that people can work while other things are going on? That is the most ridiculous argument I have ever heard.

The silence, the silence of the Republican side is typical of the silence that they have had all along on this Medicare proposal. They are going to take \$270 billion out of the pockets of Medicare people and put it into the hands of the very rich constituents. You know that is what you are doing, and you will not give us any hearings, 1 day, and we do not even have a bill to have a hearing on. What a joke. What a joke.

We are going to have a Medicare hearing on Thursday, and we do not even have a bill. Shame.

Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard. The Chair will state that it requires 10 Members to object.

Mr. GIBBONS. Will the gentleman from Texas tell us where the bill is?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is out of order.

(Messrs. WISE, WAXMAN, GIBBONS, FAZIO of California, FROST, LEVIN, BONIOR, HEFNER, OBEY, and SABO also objected.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A sufficient number has objected.

Objection is heard.

MOTION FOR PERMISSION FOR ALL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY AND THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Pursuant to clause 2(f) of rule XI, Mr. ARMEY moves that all committees and subcommittees of the House be permitted to sit today and for the remainder of the week while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ARMEY. I am sorry. It has been necessary—

Mr. WISE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from West Virginia will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do not yield for that purpose.

Mr. WISE. For a parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman does not yield.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. The Chair makes that decision. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Let us have order.

Mr. WISE. The gentleman does not yield for a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GIBBONS. In other words, we have been gagged, we have been stonewalled, and now we are being gagged. Is that it? Is that it, I ask the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], stonewalling us? You have been stonewalling us for 10 months.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I believe I control the time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is ready to rule. The parliamentary inquiry was sought before the time was given to the majority leader.

Mr. WISE. I thank the Chair. Parliamentary inquiry, is the Chair or is the gentleman going to, or does this side receive the customary 30 minutes in debate on this matter?

Mr. LINDER. That is not a parliamentary inquiry. Furthermore, the gentleman from Texas did not yield for that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is up to the majority leader.

Does the majority leader yield?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the inquiry made by the gentleman from West Virginia, and for whatever time I speak on my privileged

motion, I will see to it that the gentleman from West Virginia is given twice as much time as I take.

Mr. Speaker, am I recognized to speak on my motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

□ 1115

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me again reiterate the fact that whatever time I spend speaking on this motion I will grant to the gentleman from West Virginia twice as much time as I take. This is an important motion. I am sorry it has become necessary to do so. We do want to, at least when we are operating within the Chamber, do so in an orderly fashion while we allow the remainder of work of Congress to go forward.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time with the reservation that the timekeeper report to me such time as I used to this point, and I will yield that amount of time to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] for purposes of debate only.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DICKEY). The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] consumed 30 seconds.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE].

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, what is at issue here and what the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] has raised is the fact that we are just going to approve a number of committees sitting. Now they are sitting on some important matters, some not as important. None of them is as important as health care that affects 70 million Americans. Thirty-seven million Americans affected by Medicare, that receives one hearing on Thursday, Medicaid, which is being marked up, as I understand, today by the Committee on Commerce; the bill dropped on the floor yesterday affects roughly 31 to 32 million Americans.

Mr. Speaker, clearly it is outrageous that we can have 6 days of hearings on the National Highway System that we will take up in a minute, we can only have 1 day of hearings on Medicare, and none on Medicaid, and both make the National Highway System, as important as I think it is, pale by significance in dollars and in impact.

So, I would just urge Members to reflect on this and urge that we go ahead with the Dingell resolution, which will provide 4 weeks of hearings. I think, if we are going to change the health programs that affect the largest number of Americans, have been in place for 30 years, we should get more than 1 day of hearings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. WISE] has expired.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question. VerDate 20-SEP-95 07:02 Sep

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 243, nays 175, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 673]

YEAS—243

Allard	Fowler	McCrery
Archer	Fox	McDade
Army	Franks (CT)	McHugh
Bachus	Franks (NJ)	McInnis
Baker (CA)	Frelinghuysen	McIntosh
Baker (LA)	Frisa	McKeon
Ballenger	Funderburk	Metcalf
Barr	Gallegly	Meyers
Barrett (NE)	Ganske	Mica
Bartlett	Gekas	Miller (FL)
Barton	Gilchrest	Molinari
Bass	Gillmor	Montgomery
Bateman	Gilman	Moorhead
Bereuter	Goodlatte	Morella
Bilbray	Goodling	Myers
Bilirakis	Gordon	Myrick
Bliley	Goss	Nethercutt
Blute	Graham	Neumann
Boehlert	Greenwood	Ney
Boehner	Gunderson	Norwood
Bonilla	Gutknecht	Nussle
Bono	Hall (TX)	Oxley
Brownback	Hamilton	Packard
Bryant (TN)	Hancock	Parker
Bunn	Hansen	Paxon
Bunning	Hastert	Petri
Burr	Hastings (WA)	Pombo
Burton	Hayworth	Porter
Buyer	Hefley	Portman
Callahan	Heineman	Pryce
Calvert	Herger	Quillen
Camp	Hilleary	Quinn
Canady	Hobson	Radanovich
Castle	Hoekstra	Rahall
Chabot	Hoke	Ramstad
Chambliss	Horn	Regula
Chenoweth	Hostettler	Riggs
Christensen	Houghton	Roberts
Chrysler	Hunter	Rogers
Clinger	Hutchinson	Rohrabacher
Coble	Hyde	Ros-Lehtinen
Coburn	Inglis	Rose
Collins (GA)	Istook	Roth
Combest	Jacobs	Roukema
Cooley	Johnson (CT)	Royce
Cox	Johnson, Sam	Salmon
Crane	Jones	Sanford
Crapo	Kasich	Saxton
Cremeans	Kelly	Scarborough
Cubin	Kim	Schaefer
Cunningham	King	Schiff
Davis	Kingston	Seastrand
Deal	Klug	Sensenbrenner
DeLay	Knollenberg	Shadegg
Diaz-Balart	Kolbe	Shaw
Dickey	LaHood	Shays
Dooley	Largent	Shuster
Doolittle	Latham	Skeen
Dornan	LaTourette	Skelton
Dreier	Laughlin	Smith (MI)
Duncan	Lazio	Smith (NJ)
Dunn	Leach	Smith (TX)
Ehlers	Lewis (CA)	Smith (WA)
Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)	Solomon
Emerson	Lightfoot	Souder
English	Linder	Spence
Ensign	Livingston	Stearns
Everett	LoBiondo	Stockman
Ewing	Longley	Stump
Fawell	Lucas	Talent
Flanagan	Manzullo	Tate
Foley	Martini	Tauzin
Forbes	McCollum	Taylor (NC)

Thomas
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torricelli
Traficant
Upton
Vucanovich

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Berman
Bevill
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant (TX)
Cardin
Clay
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Danner
de la Garza
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Doyle
Durbin
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Filner
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse

Chapman
Clayton
Clement
Fields (TX)
Flake
Jefferson

Waldholtz
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller

NAYS—175

Gejdenson
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gonzalez
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hayes
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchev
Holden
Hoyer
Jackson-Lee
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Klecza
Klink
LaFalce
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lincoln
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McDermott
McHale
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Menendez
Miller (CA)
Mineta
Minge
Mink
Mollohan
Moran
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar

NOT VOTING—16

Kennedy (MA)
Sisisky
Meek
Mfume
Moakley
Payne (NJ)
Reynolds

White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Owens
Pallone
Pastor
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Rangel
Reed
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanders
Sawyer
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Skaggs
Slaughter
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Studds
Stupak
Tanner
Taylor (MS)
Tejeda
Thornton
Thurman
Torres
Towns
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Ward
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Yates

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 224

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2274) to amend title 23, United States Code, to designate the National Highway System, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 2349. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered by title rather than by section. The first two sections and each title shall be considered as read. Points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 1(q)(10) of rule X, clause 5(a) of rule XXI, or section 302(f) of the congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Shuster of Pennsylvania or his designee. That amendment shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against that amendment are waived. After disposition of that amendment, the provisions of the bill as then perfected shall be considered as original text. During further consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this

□ 1137

Messrs. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, SPRATT, and CONYERS changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM DESIGNATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 224 and ask for its immediate consideration.