

H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996;

H.R. 1499, Telemarketing Fraud Punishment and Prevention Act;

H.R. 3456, Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act of 1996;

H.R. 4137, Rohypnol; an unnumbered House resolution on the Government Accountability Act;

H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995;

S. 919, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1995;

H.R. 1186, Professional Boxing Safety Act;

H.R. 3391, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments;

H.R. 3700, Internet Election Information Act of 1996;

S. 1970, National Museum of the American Indian Act Amendments of 1996;

H.R. 4011, Congressional Pension Forfeiture Act of 1996;

S. 868, Federal Employees Emergency Leave Transfer Act of 1995;

H. Con. Res. 145, Concerning the Removal of Russian Forces from Moldova;

H. Con. Res. 189, Expressing Sense of Congress Regarding the Importance of U.S. Membership in Regional South Pacific Organizations;

H. Con. Res. 51, Expressing Sense of Congress Relating to the Removal of Russian Troops from Kaliningrad;

H.R. 4036, Human Rights Restoration Act of 1996;

H.R. 3497, Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996;

H.R. 3155, Designating the Wekiva River for Study and Possible Addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

H.R. 3568, Designating 51.7 miles of the Clarion River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 1834, Reauthorizing the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program; and

H.R. 3159, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1996.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas on December 16, 1995, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct agreed to appoint an outside counsel to conduct an independent, nonpartisan investigation of allegations of ethical misconduct by Speaker Newt Gingrich;

Whereas, after an eight-month investigation, that outside counsel has submitted an extensive document containing the results of his inquiry;

Whereas the report of the outside counsel cost the taxpayers \$500,000;

Whereas the public has a right—and Members of Congress have a responsibility—to ex-

amine the work of the outside counsel and reach an independent judgment concerning the merits of the charges against the Speaker;

Whereas these charges have been before the Ethics Committee for more than two years;

Whereas a failure of the Committee to release the outside counsel's report before the adjournment of the 104th Congress will seriously undermine the credibility of the Ethics Committee and the integrity of the House of Representatives;

Therefore be it resolved that: The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall release to the public the outside counsel's report on Speaker Newt Gingrich, including any conclusions, recommendations, attachments, exhibits or accompanying material—no later than Thursday, September 26, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROTH). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days. The Chair will announce that designation at a later time.

A determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege will be made at a later time.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the special order of the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER], which is addressed to the same subject as mine, be allowed to follow mine immediately thereafter.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS J. MOORHEAD AND ANTHONY C. BEILEN-SON

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

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] and I both want to say a few words about two of our retiring Members. At this late date in the session, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find the time to do that. So we are going to do our best, with each of us taking 5 minutes, to recognize the two distinguished senior Members of the California delegation who are retiring.

I want to take this opportunity to focus attention on the public service of

Congressman CARLOS MOORHEAD and Congressman TONY BEILENSEN. They have both served the Nation and the State of California and Congress for over two decades. They will both be very greatly missed.

TONY and CARLOS represent a special type of Member who is willing to work with colleagues of any political persuasion in order to get good things done here in the Congress. Each has weathered some criticism within their respective political parties for this tendency toward supporting good government. But it is that special approach to government that has earned them the affection of their colleagues and their constituents, and, of course, the great respect of those colleagues and constituents.

Congressman MOORHEAD came to Congress at the start of the 93d Congress in 1973 after serving in the California Assembly for 6 years. CARLOS has been a strong voice on the Commerce and Judiciary Committees from the Southern California region and has been an effective advocate for our entertainment industry in both of these committees. But CARLOS has been best known as a leader within the delegation who, as dean of the Republican delegation, has been willing to work with anyone on issues of importance to the State of California.

As chairman of the California Democratic Congressional delegation, it has been a joy for me to work with CARLOS on those issues where we can toss aside our party labels and simply become advocates for what is best for California.

Congressman BEILENSEN came to Congress after 14 years in the California State Assembly and Senate, starting with the 95th Congress in 1977. TONY has been a strong voice for principle and reason in an institution that at times at least seems to lack both qualities.

As a member of the Committee on Rules, he has had the opportunity to show all of us how important those qualities are in the day-to-day operations of the Congress. Many times when I have been faced with tough fights involving institutional reform, it has been reassuring to look up at the Committee on Rules and to see TONY sitting on the dais. If nothing else, I knew that he would give me a fair hearing on my ideas.

Both CARLOS and TONY have been friends and colleagues of mine for much longer than two decades. I have enjoyed working with both of them, and I will miss them. But as one who has at times contemplated leaving this institution, I understand their desire to move on to a simpler lifestyle. This is a greatly changed institution from the one that they entered in the 1970's, and I am not referring to the changes that took place 2 years ago. This is an institution that has trouble rewarding the independent-minded person who struggles to represent their constituents as they see best, not as some committee chair or party leader feels would be best.

There are fewer people like CARLOS and TONY today, and tomorrow and in the next session of Congress there will be two fewer, and we will all be lessened by that. CARLOS and TONY, I wish you well, and thank you for your service on behalf of California.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to yield to my good friend, the gentleman from California, Mr. DREIER.

FURTHER TRIBUTE TO CARLOS J. MOORHEAD AND ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. BROWN], for taking the time for this special order. I would like to congratulate my California colleague, the dean of the entire delegation, because he has served here longer than any other Member and I think longer than any Californian has served in the Congress. I appreciate his taking out this time to talk about our colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer just a little glimmer of hope with the spirit that both TONY BEILENSEN and CARLOS MOORHEAD have embodied with their service here, that being that our colleagues, Messrs. LAHOOD and SKAGGS have led an effort, of which I am proud to be a part, that will see us in the 105th Congress, God and the voters willing, a number of us will be here to participate in that, we will be holding a bipartisan retreat for the first time ever.

I think there has been recognition that the work that TONY BEILENSEN and CARLOS MOORHEAD and a number of others who have chosen to retire have done over the years, that that spirit of bipartisanship, when it is possible, should continue.

Mr. Speaker, the point that I would make is that these two individuals have done so much to try and deal responsibly with legislation, not in any way compromising their principle, but, in fact, as our former minority leader Bob Michel used to enjoy saying, you should never compromise your principles, but you should always be prepared to compromise for principle. I think the Moorhead-Beilenson spirit is very important, and I am confident that while we will have two fewer Members here because of their absence, that the spirit will be carried forth into the 105th Congress. A number of us I know are working on that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from California, Mr. BROWN.

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to comment on the point he just made. I appreciate the fact that there are persons like himself and Mr. SKAGGS and Mr. LAHOOD who are making an effort to see if we can improve in the next Congress.

We have been through some bitter fights. There is always, of course, a need for a sharp clash of ideas, but there is also the need for collegiality and cooperation when we do share common goals. What we do need to achieve and what you are seeking to achieve, I think, is that proper balance between the clash of ideas that is so necessary in a democracy and the desire to cooperate, which is necessary to implement those ideas when we finally reach agreement on them.

Mr. DREIER. Absolutely. That clash of ideas is going to continue, but the debate can take place. I remember we often point back to Speaker O'Neill and Ronald Reagan, who said that at 6 o'clock in the evening, when the workday comes to an end, and we know it does not come to an end at 6 o'clock at all times, but there are after-hour times when people should have the chance to get together and get to know each other so the tension level can in fact be reduced. I hope we will be able to successfully do that in the 105th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I should say I have had the privilege of serving, as I know my friend has, with these two great individuals. CARLOS MOORHEAD has served as dean of the California Congressional delegation on the Republican side for I believe longer than anyone. It was 1982 as I began my second term here that CARLOS became the dean of our delegation, and he has provided terrific leadership.

When it has come to California issues, CARLOS has constantly stood up to do everything possible to address the needs of our State. One of the least attractive, but most important areas, has been the one which my friend Mr. BROWN mentioned, that being the issue of intellectual property and job creation.

In California, as we have shifted from a defense and aerospace-based economy to an export-based economy with the proliferation of the high-tech-biotech industries and, of course, the entertainment industry, CARLOS MOORHEAD has been on the cutting edge, making sure that we have an opportunity to get our goods and services into other parts of the world.

When it has come to patent and trademark work, which is so important to that, CARLOS has led the charge, and we are hoping very much he is about going to be able in the waning days of the 104th Congress to continue his work on that with very important legislation.

I should say he has always been a great friend and traveling companion, and I have had the privilege of sharing the representation of the City of Pasadena during this decade of the 1990's with him. I know my friend Mr. BROWN has a particular interest in the Jet Propulsion Lab, which is technically in CARLOS MOORHEAD's district, but I am privileged to represent many of those who work at the Jet Propulsion Lab.

CARLOS is a Californian, a native of Glendale, a graduate of Hoover High

School in Glendale, one who loves our State and one who has chosen to retire to California when he leaves. He and Val will be sorely missed, and I will miss the very levelheaded advice he has given this very enthusiastic guy on more than a couple of occasions.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege of sitting with TONY BEILENSEN up in the Committee on Rules. TONY has been an independent voice in the Committee on Rules, and independence is not something that is always sought in the Committee on Rules, but TONY has offered it. He has been extraordinarily thoughtful when it has come to fairness and deliberation, and I have appreciated the advice that he has provided me and the friendship that he has offered. He and Delores have also been terrific people to travel with and to go from Los Angeles to Dulles with on more than a couple of occasions.

TONY is a native of New York, but has been in California for a long period of time, as my friend said, and served there for many years.

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He will be missed. And I should say that I hope that our colleagues will take advantage of a chance to add remarks into the RECORD as they see fit, and I am happy to yield to my friend.

Mr. BROWN of California. I thank the gentleman. The gentleman reminds me of an almost forgotten anecdote about when TONY was first appointed to the Committee on Rules. I was consulted then as a senior member of the delegation by the leadership, and asked my views as to what TONY's position might be, the implication being, will he follow the leadership? And I remember saying probably not, but he will do the right thing when he is on the Committee on Rules.

Mr. DREIER. That is a terrific story.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks for the RECORD on this special order that the gentleman from California, Mr. BROWN, and I have held here.

ASSISTED SUICIDE FUNDING RESTRICTION ACT OF 1996

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

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1996. It is a bill that will safeguard our Nation against the use of Federal tax dollars to subsidize or promote the practice of assisted suicide.

Now, this bill is the product of a bipartisan effort—we have over 100 signatures, and no one has turned me down as a cosponsor, we just have not had the time to get around to every office—