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Roybal-Allard
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Sanders
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Sawyer
Schaffer, Bob
Schumer
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Shadegg
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Slaughter
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Stark
Stokes
Strickland
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Thompson
Thurman
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Watt (NC)
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NOT VOTING—15

Calvert
Clay
Costello
Diaz-Balart
English

Filner
Gutierrez
Hastings (WA)
Hefner
McCrery

McKinney
Moakley
Paxon
Pickering
Schiff

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The Clerk announced the following pairs:

On this vote:

Mr. Diaz-Balart for, with Mr. Filner against.

Mr. Calvert for, with Mr. Moakley against.

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. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 118, final passage of H.R. 3. I was unavoidably detained in my office and was unable to appear to cast my vote prior to the close of the rollcall. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 3, JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1997

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 3, the Clerk be

authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references and punctuation, and to make such stylistic, clerical, technical, conforming, and other changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the distinguished majority leader, for the purpose of engaging in a colloquy on the schedule for today, the rest of the week and next week.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have just had our last vote for the week. However, this afternoon the House will continue to debate amendments to H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997. Members should note that any recorded votes ordered on the housing bill today will be postponed until Tuesday, May 13, after 5 p.m.

I would like to outline, Mr. Speaker, next week's schedule.

The House will meet on Monday, May 12, for a pro forma session. There will be no legislative business and no votes on that day.

On Tuesday, May 13, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that we will not hold any recorded votes before 5 p.m. on Tuesday next.

The House will consider the following bills, all of which will be under suspension of the rules:

H.R. 5, the IDEA Improvement Act of 1997.

H.R. 914, a bill to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures, as amended.

House Concurrent Resolution 49, authorizing use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

House Concurrent Resolution 66, authorizing use of the Capitol grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

House Concurrent Resolution 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol grounds.

House Concurrent Resolution 73, a concurrent resolution concerning the death of Chaim Herzog.

And House Resolution 103, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should maintain approximately 100,000 United States military personnel in the Asia and Pacific region until such time as there is a peaceful and permanent resolution to the majority security and political conflicts in the region.

After consideration of the suspensions on Tuesday, the House will resume consideration of amendments to H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997. We hope to vote on final passage of the public housing bill on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 15, the House will meet at 10 a.m., and on Friday, May 16, the House will meet at 9 a.m. to consider the following bills, all of which will be subject to rules:

H.R. 1469, the Fiscal Year 1997 Supplemental Appropriations Act; and H.R. 1486, the Foreign Policy Reform Act.

Mr. Speaker, we should finish legislative business and have Members on their way home to their families by 2 p.m. on Friday, May 16.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to notify all Members of some potential changes in the schedule as it affects the month of June.

Mr. Speaker, because we anticipate a heavy work month with appropriations bills and budget reconciliation bills throughout the month of June, I should like to advise all Members that contrary to the published schedule in their possession, that they should expect and we anticipate that we will have votes on Monday, June 9; Friday, June 13; and Monday, June 23. Appropriate notification will be sent to Members' offices. We will keep Members posted about those dates, but I think in all deference to their June scheduling concerns, Members should have this notice as soon as I can give it and, therefore, it is given at this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Can I just repeat those dates, because I think they are important. Monday, June 9, Friday, June 13, and Monday, June 23 we will be meeting.

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman.

I noticed on the schedule that we are going to have two athletic events on the Capitol grounds, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby and the Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol grounds.

I am wondering if the gentleman from Texas would be interested in engaging someone here on the minority, namely myself, in the soap box derby with the winner writing the tax bill. What does the gentleman think?

Mr. ARMEY. I am not quite sure. If the soap box derby is racing, I think I might be willing, but if it is orating, I would never want to engage the gentleman in such a derby.

Mr. BONIOR. I have just two brief questions, if the gentleman would indulge me.

On the supplemental, it is an emergency bill that is badly needed for relief of flood victims. It has been pulled for the past 2 weeks. What day next week do we expect that? Do we expect that on Wednesday or Thursday?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield further, it is our expectation that

it will be on Wednesday and we should hope to have it completed on Wednesday morning.

Mr. BONIOR. And the budget resolution, can the gentleman enlighten us on this side of the aisle when we expect to have that resolution before us? Before the Memorial Day break? After?

Mr. ARMEY. Again if the gentleman will yield, the Budget chairman and the ranking member on Budget have been discussing that, and I believe they are prepared to go to markup on Wednesday next on that in committee. It is our expectation that we would have it on the floor for consideration on Tuesday, May 20. Then, of course, we would hope that the other body would keep pace and we would hope to have that resolution agreed upon between the two bodies and passed in final conference report before the recess.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman.

Finally, just one other inquiry. On Friday next, is it my understanding from the gentleman's comments that we will be meeting in session next Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield further, yes, we do anticipate being in session and voting on Friday next with, of course, every effort to have our Members' work completed by 2 p.m. for their Friday departure.

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

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I wanted by way of this inquiry to thank the majority leader for visiting the Red River Valley area in my home State, in his home State of North Dakota, but we had contemplated dealing with some emergency regulatory suspension with regards to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services to accommodate the needs of the Red River Valley and the Minnesota River Valley area in both the Dakotas and Minnesota.

We were hopeful that the gentleman would consult with the chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services with whom I have consulted and we are trying to do that, and I would hope that it would be possible to bring that measure up on suspension next Tuesday. I note that it was not addressed in the gentleman's outline and I would just want to request the gentleman's attention to that matter and hope that we can work out something along those lines.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry.

If the gentleman will yield further, I see the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services is here. We will discuss it privately. Certainly I understand the gentleman's concern and the gentleman's anxiety. We will try to be as responsive as possible on that matter.

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to House Resolution 133 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, and for other purposes, with Mr. GOODLATTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, title III was open for amendment at any point.

Are there any amendments to title III?

AMENDMENT NO. 12 OFFERED BY MR. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 12 offered by Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts:

Page 174, line 20, insert "VERY" before "LOW-INCOME".

Page 175, line 11, insert "very" before "low-income."

Page 187, line 5, insert "VERY" before "LOW-INCOME."

Page 187, line 10, insert "very" before "low-income."

Page 187, strike lines 13 through 22 and insert the following:

(b) INCOME TARGETING.—

(1) PHA-WIDE REQUIREMENT.—Of all the families who initially receive housing assistance under this title from a public housing agency in any fiscal year of the agency, not less than 75 percent shall be families whose incomes do not exceed 30 percent of the area median income.

(2) AREA MEDIAN INCOME.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "area median income" means the median income of an area, as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for smaller and larger families, except that the Secretary may establish income ceilings higher or lower than the percentages specified in subsection (a) if the Secretary finds determines that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low family incomes.

Page 205, line 7, insert "very" before "low-income".

Page 205, line 24, insert "very" before "low-".

Page 211, line 6, insert "very" before "low-income".

Page 214, line 1, insert "very" before "low-income".

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, this amendment deals with

the issue of the concentration of very poor people in the voucher program. The voucher program is an important aspect of our overall housing policy in this country where instead of having families that live in public housing units where they are concentrated in large numbers, in many cases in some of the kind of monstrosities that we have come to think of as public housing, but rather as a different type of program where any individual that is eligible for the program simply receives a voucher and can take that voucher really to any building in any given locality. It is a tremendously effective program; it is one that has broad bipartisan support. However, we have to, I believe, recognize that the major efforts that have been made by the chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity has been to show his concern in H.R. 2 of the concentration of the number of very poor people that live in public housing.

Now, as a result of pursuing that policy, we have tried to pass amendments that would have allowed the glidepath of the number of very low-income people that occupy public housing units to decrease to about 50-50. In other words, 50 percent of the people in public housing units would have been people that were very low income and 50 percent of the people would be essentially working families.

That amendment was defeated, and instead we go back to the underlying language in H.R. 2 which would mean that about 80 percent of the people in public housing would be people with incomes that would be around \$30 to \$40,000 a year, or working families. While that is debated to be a positive aspect of the new H.R. 2's housing policy, it does beg the question as to what occurs with the 5.3 million families in this country who are very, very poor, the vast majority of whom are children.

Now what occurs of course is that those families simply will be without any housing assistance whatsoever. As I have noted on previous occasions, we have already cut the number of the amount of funding for homeless programs by over 25 percent, we have cut the funding for housing programs by about 25 percent, and so therefore we end up in a situation by fixing public housing of simply throwing out millions of, or hundreds of thousands of families, and perhaps not throwing them out on the street, but nevertheless not providing them with any assistance.

Now the basic rationale is that we need to have more working families in public housing. While that may be a desirable public policy, as we have already debated, it does not seem to me to hold up in any way, shape or form when it comes to the voucher program. There is no concentration of very poor people in any communities in this country using the voucher program. And yet the Republican plan calls for