

to their children regularly about the dangers of substance abuse, use among youth could be expected to decline by as much as 30 percent. We must do all we can to help parents, teachers, clergy, and community leaders begin those conversations.

The drug problem comes down to this: Personal responsibility. Not just for those who abuse drugs, but for every community member. We must each take it upon ourselves to do a little more to fight drugs. I am making fighting youth drug use a top personal priority in southern Indiana. We can have an impact if a few more of us wear red drug-free ribbons, if a few more parents ask their children about drugs at the dinner table, if a few more businesses sponsor a youth drug-free program. If each of us insists on more responsibility—and sets a personal example by not using drugs and discouraging others not to use them—we may be able to keep our young people and our communities safe from the scourge of drugs.

I urge my colleagues to give this bill—and this issue—their strong and sustained support.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 956, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 956.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY].

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 80, nays 339, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 152]

YEAS—80

Ackerman	Hastings (FL)	Mink
Allen	Hilliard	Moakley
Bishop	Hinchey	Nadler
Bonior	Jefferson	Neal
Brown (CA)	John	Owens
Brown (FL)	Johnson, E.B.	Pallone
Brown (OH)	Kanjorski	Pascarell
Carson	Kaptur	Payne
Clay	Kennedy (MA)	Quinn
Clyburn	Kennedy (RI)	Rangel
Conyers	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Coyne	Kilpatrick	Sanders
Davis (IL)	Klink	Slaughter
DeFazio	Lampson	Stabenow
DeGette	Lantos	Stenholm
Delahunt	Lewis (GA)	Stokes
DeLauro	Maloney (CT)	Tierney
Dingell	Maloney (NY)	Towns
Dixon	Manton	Waters
Doggett	Markey	Watt (NC)
Fattah	McCarthy (NY)	Waxman
Filner	McDermott	Wexler
Foglietta	McGovern	Weygand
Ford	McNulty	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Meek	Yates
Frost	Millender-	
Gejdenson	McDonald	
Gutierrez	Miller (CA)	

NAYS—339

Abercrombie	Crapo	Hastert
Aderholt	Cubin	Hastings (WA)
Archer	Cummings	Hayworth
Armey	Cunningham	Hefley
Bachus	Danner	Herger
Baessler	Davis (FL)	Hill
Baker	Davis (VA)	Hilleary
Baldacci	Deal	Hinojosa
Ballenger	DeLay	Hobson
Barcia	Dellums	Hoekstra
Barr	Diaz-Balart	Holden
Barrett (NE)	Dickey	Hooley
Barrett (WI)	Dicks	Horn
Bartlett	Dooley	Hostettler
Barton	Doolittle	Houghton
Bass	Doyle	Hoyer
Bateman	Dreier	Hulshof
Bentsen	Duncan	Hutchinson
Bereuter	Dunn	Hyde
Berman	Edwards	Inglis
Berry	Ehlers	Jackson (IL)
Bilbray	Ehrlich	Jackson-Lee
Bilirakis	Emerson	(TX)
Blagojevich	Engel	Jenkins
Bliley	English	Johnson (CT)
Blumenauer	Ensign	Johnson (WI)
Blunt	Eshoo	Johnson, Sam
Boehkert	Etheridge	Jones
Boehner	Evans	Kasich
Bonilla	Everett	Kelly
Bono	Ewing	Kennelly
Borski	Farr	Kim
Boswell	Fawell	Kind (WI)
Boucher	Fazio	King (NY)
Boyd	Flake	Kingston
Brady	Foley	Klecza
Bryant	Forbes	Klug
Bunning	Fowler	Knollenberg
Burr	Fox	Kolbe
Burton	Franks (NJ)	Kucinich
Buyer	Frelinghuysen	LaFalce
Callahan	Furse	LaHood
Calvert	Gallegly	Largent
Camp	Ganske	Latham
Campbell	Gekas	LaTourette
Canady	Gephardt	Lazio
Capps	Gibbons	Leach
Cardin	Gilchrest	Levin
Castle	Gillmor	Lewis (CA)
Chabot	Gilman	Lewis (KY)
Chambliss	Gonzalez	Linder
Chenoweth	Goode	Lipinski
Christensen	Goodlatte	Livingston
Clayton	Goodling	LoBiondo
Clement	Gordon	Lofgren
Coble	Goss	Lowe
Coburn	Graham	Lucas
Collins	Granger	Luther
Combest	Green	Manzullo
Condit	Greenwood	Martinez
Cook	Gutknecht	Mascara
Cooksey	Hall (OH)	Matsui
Costello	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (MO)
Cox	Hamilton	McCollum
Cramer	Hansen	McDade
Crane	Harman	McHale

McInnis	Pryce (OH)	Smith (OR)
McIntosh	Radanovich	Smith (TX)
McIntyre	Rahall	Smith, Adam
McKeon	Ramstad	Smith, Linda
McKinney	Redmond	Snyder
Meehan	Regula	Solomon
Menendez	Reyes	Souder
Metcalfe	Riggs	Spence
Mica	Riley	Spratt
Miller (FL)	Rivers	Stark
Minge	Rodriguez	Stearns
Molinari	Roemer	Strickland
Mollohan	Rogan	Stump
Moran (KS)	Rogers	Stupak
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher	Sununu
Morella	Ros-Lehtinen	Talent
Murtha	Rothman	Tanner
Myrick	Roukema	Tauscher
Nethercutt	Royce	Tauzin
Neumann	Rush	Taylor (MS)
Ney	Ryun	Taylor (NC)
Northup	Sabo	Thomas
Norwood	Salmon	Thornberry
Nussle	Sanchez	Thune
Oberstar	Sandlin	Thurman
Obey	Sanford	Tiahrt
Oliver	Sawyer	Trafficant
Ortiz	Saxton	Turner
Oxley	Scarborough	Upton
Packard	Schaefer, Dan	Velazquez
Pappas	Schaffer, Bob	Vento
Parker	Schumer	Visclosky
Pastor	Scott	Walsh
Paul	Sensenbrenner	Wamp
Paxon	Serrano	Watkins
Pease	Sessions	Watts (OK)
Peterson (MN)	Shadeegg	Weldon (FL)
Peterson (PA)	Shaw	Weldon (PA)
Petri	Shays	Weller
Pickering	Sherman	Whitfield
Pickett	Shimkus	Wicker
Pitts	Shuster	Wise
Pombo	Sisisky	Wolf
Pomeroy	Skaggs	Wynn
Porter	Skeen	Young (AK)
Portman	Skelton	Young (FL)
Poshard	Smith (MI)	
Price (NC)	Smith (NJ)	

NOT VOTING—15

Andrews	Hunter	Schiff
Becerra	Istook	Snowbarger
Cannon	McCrey	Thompson
Deutsch	McHugh	Torres
Hefner	Pelosi	White

□ 1208

Messrs. HOEKSTRA, VENTO, LEVIN, MCINTOSH, WATTS of Oklahoma, BLAGOJEVICH, and LATHAM, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. NORTHUP, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mrs. LOWEY changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. QUINN, FRANK of Massachusetts, and JOHN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to engage my dear friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], the chairman of the Committee on Rules, in a little dialogue so that the House, or at least I, will know where we are at the present time.

As the Speaker knows, we do not have any papers concerning the budget or the supplemental budget in front of us, so I would like to ask my dear friend from New York when we can expect to see something on the budget resolution, and when we can expect to

see something from the conference on the supplemental.

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, there are two pending pieces of legislation that are holding up the recess of this body to go home over the Memorial Day weekend, which is a very, very important weekend to all Americans. Those two pieces of legislation are the supplemental appropriation bill and the budget resolution.

The supplemental appropriation bill is presently tied up with several contentious substantive issues, legislative issues and some policy issues. I am informed that that may or may not be finished today, and if it is not, it would be put off until a day or two after we return on June 2 or 3.

The issue that is really holding us here is the budget resolution. As most of my colleagues may know, the Senate failed to meet into the night last night; therefore, when they go back into session today, they have 13 hours remaining of debate time. As my colleagues know about the other body, they tend to pontificate and use all of that time.

So there are several alternatives, and right now there was a meeting going on between the leadership of both bodies until the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY] called for this procedural motion to adjourn. That broke up that meeting. Now they are going back into that meeting and hopefully, in about an hour or two, we will have better direction for the body.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I hear strong rumors that there might be some changes on the short-term supplemental bill. Does the gentleman have any information on that situation?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, on the short term?

Mr. MOAKLEY. On the supplemental bill. I understand that there might be some changes on the supplemental bill.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would further yield, the supplemental bill is not what is holding up the recess period. The supplemental bill, hopefully we can get it worked out, and as the gentleman knows, in the rule that we will be taking up in a few minutes, it is going to allow us to bring that supplemental to the floor should there be a final agreement. But that is not the issue that is really holding up the body. The budget resolution is the issue that must be resolved today.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman knows, that causes us a problem on this side. They are about to work on two bills, the supplemental bill and the budget bill, and we have neither, we have paper on neither one of them.

Last night we gave our permission for two-thirds to bring it to the floor today so we can expedite it. We cannot expedite it to the degree that we are

going to vote on it without seeing it. So all I am wondering is when we can expect to see the paper.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, let us just make it clear to the Members here and the Members back in their offices, this rule does not approve any bill at all. This simply allows us, if we successfully pass this two-thirds rule now, within the next 45 minutes, it would allow us then, at some later time today, to bring another rule and whatever bill to the floor. That is the time when my colleagues might want to be concerned.

Right now, all this is doing, and the reason why we would debate it now, is to save the Members an extra hour later on this evening at 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 o'clock. If Members have planes that are leaving at 3 o'clock or 4 o'clock or 5 o'clock, this is going to move up the whole debate by 1 hour, and it would be my advice to the gentleman to let us go ahead and have this debate, discuss what is going to be happening and get this 1 hour out of the way, so that Members can go home to their obligations they have home in their districts later on today, hopefully.

□ 1215

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, as the chairman knows, we offered to postpone or to limit debate, if the gentleman wants to postpone it until a later time, so we are not trying to run the clock out. But I feel that our side has to know what is in those bills, even at this juncture, to go ahead.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, there are a number of alternatives on the budget resolution itself. We could wait out the Senate the 10, 12, 14 hours. That is one alternative. We could come back with a rule that would deem us agreeing with the Senate amendment, which has nothing to do with numbers, which has nothing to do with policy, but minuscule differences. We could do that. That is an alternative. Or we could just leave town, and the chairman of the budget committees could notify the authorizers and the appropriators, their staffs, to go ahead next week while we are out of town and proceed, based on those numbers.

Those are really the three alternatives we have before us on the budget.

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me, Mr. Speaker. I would simply say, speaking on behalf of the majority on the Committee on Appropriations, I think there has been a joint, bipartisan effort in this body to get an agreement on the disaster relief supplemental. However, it has not been possible to finalize our negotiations with the other body and reach an agreement on the overall conference. Therefore, we have not been able to report back to the House floor with a final conference report.

It appears entirely unlikely that is going to happen before we adjourn today for business, which means that, frankly, while there is plenty of money in the pipeline in most accounts for the victims of the various disasters, it is not at all certain that money will be sufficient as we get into the month of June, and let alone July. So for that reason, it has been my objective to see if it is possible to come up with a stripped down version of the supplemental that would provide some monies in some of the most needy accounts to submit to the House and to the Senate under unanimous consent.

Because of the lateness of the hour, frankly, it would not be possible to adhere to traditional rules, to go through traditional procedures with such a bill. Also, any single Member can stop the bill in its tracks, and therefore, deny the passage of an interim disaster relief bill.

But if it is the intent of the membership to go along with the stripped-down version, and we do not have the final version to present to the House just yet but we expect to within a matter of hours, if not minutes, I would expect that we could call up such a bill by unanimous consent. Any Member in this House or in the other body could stop it, but if by unanimous consent it seems that the membership of both houses agree, then we can have a bill to pass, and certainly alleviate any short-term problems that might arise in the coming weeks.

Mr. MOAKLEY. I thank the gentleman. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY], the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

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

Mr. MOAKLEY. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I think this is a time for pity in the House. What is happening to this supplemental reminds me of what my favorite philosopher, Archie the cockroach, said once. He said, now and then, somebody is born who is so unlucky he runs into accidents that started out to happen to somebody else.

That is what is happening to this supplemental. Here we have a disaster supplemental which we have all wanted to get to the President before Memorial Day, so there is no doubt in anybody's mind that we can get the assistance that is needed out in the field, and yet we are being held up by the fact that the other body is still droning on on almost a continuous basis on the budget resolution.

The supplemental itself is being bogged down by dragging in a large number of extraneous issues, not the least of which would be the permanent CR dispute plus another large issue about Alaskan roads. There are some other issues as well which are still holding up that supplemental.

Mr. Speaker, we have had around here a lot of devices in the past. We

have had continuing resolutions. It looks to me like before the week is up we may need a continuing resolution for a continuing resolution, and on this one it looks to me like we are going to have to invent a new device, which is a continuing supplemental. So go the perils of Pauline, I guess.

I find this very regrettable. I hope that the House will be able to find some way out of it by the time the day is over. There is no reason why this supplemental should be held up because of extraneous causes.

I am confused about why this specific resolution is before us at this time, however, because certainly I share the view of the gentleman from Louisiana, the chairman of the committee, that it is highly unlikely that there will even be a supplemental vehicle that will ride along after this rule. So if we are interested in resolving the problem, I think we are going to need a lot of other action, including a speed-up of the Senate schedule, which I fully do not expect to see.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, let me just say that the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY] and I had discussed, we had originally expected to bring a rule to the floor dealing only with the budget. However, because of great concerns, some of which the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] has just stated, it was thought we would just add the supplemental to it as well.

Having said this, we are far past our minute. We need to get on with the work of the day. I would suggest that the gentleman has used more than his minute. Let us get on with the rule before us.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 155 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 155

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported before May 23, 1997, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures:

(1) A concurrent resolution on the budget, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

(2) The bill (H.R. 1469) making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September

30, 1997, and for other purposes, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for one hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Rules, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to extend his remarks and include extraneous matter.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, this rule is very straightforward and simple. As has actually just been discussed in the extended 1-minute we just had, it waves clause 4(b) of rule XI, which requires a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported. That is all it does.

In this case the exemption is very narrow, as it applies to two specific measures, the fiscal year 1998 budget resolution conference report and the emergency supplemental bill, as we just heard in the colloquy between the gentleman from Massachusetts and the gentleman from New York.

In an effort to avoid postponement of the Memorial Day work period restriction, when many Members obviously have important things to do back in their districts, this rule will allow for expedited consideration of these two important items. That is the purpose of the rule, and nothing more sinister than that.

Negotiations over several extraneous items in the emergency bill have, unfortunately, delayed timely release of these funds, and I remain hopeful, if not optimistic, that we will be able to get this bill to the President's desk before the weekend. I think we all share that.

I understand that the budget agreement had been strained in the other body by the proposed addition of a brand new Federal entitlement program paid for in tax increases. I hope that the irony of our balanced budget agreement being held hostage by unlimited spending and higher taxes will not be lost on most American people.

But that is where we are, as we just hear in the extended 1-minute colloquy. In order to be able to move these critical items in a timely fashion, the House needs the targeted authority covered in this resolution, again, the targeted limited authority. We frankly need to be prepared to go forward as expeditiously as possible when that is possible.

It is an ounce of prevention we are taking at this point. I think it is the responsible thing to do under the important and somewhat extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in on the threshold of Memorial Day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the resolution and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this two-thirds rule. Today's rule will allow my Republican colleagues to rush two very important bills to the House floor. I believe we should do everything in our power to make sure the Midwestern flood relief gets out of Washington and into the hands of the people who need it the most as soon as possible.

I also believe that this House should have completed its work on the budget over a month ago, when it was actually due. But since no one has even laid eyes on the final version of the two bills under question, I just cannot lend my support to a rule rushing their consideration because I am not sure what else is in those bills. They do not exist, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure what has been put into these bills, particularly given the unabashedly partisan provisions that were added to the supplemental appropriations bill, provisions that all but ensure its doom.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make something perfectly clear. There is no problem, no problem at all, with the flood relief money for North Dakota. There is no problem, no problem at all, with the money for our troops in Bosnia. There is no problem with any of the emergency money in this bill, so why did it take so long to get this bill out of conference? Why did we have to do this rule today, waiving the two-thirds requirement for the same day consideration of the rule?

Because, Mr. Speaker, Republican colleagues insist on holding the Midwest flood money hostage in order to make a political point. Despite the complete devastation of towns like Red Forks, ND, my Republican colleagues still refuse to do what they should do, let this emergency relief go forward.

Even though the flooding is over and the fires are put out, Mr. Speaker, hundreds of people are still without their homes, without their belongings, without their businesses. These are the people, Mr. Speaker, that are waiting for our help. We should give it to them. We should give it to them as soon as possible. We should not attach political blackmail to a bill this urgent and a bill with this much support.

Weeks ago President Clinton warned that he would veto a bill with automatic continuing resolution because he believes, and I agree, that my Republican colleagues should fulfill their constitutionally mandated responsibilities to pass the appropriation bills by October 1, and not close down the Government for silly political gains.

But they have attached the automatic continuing resolution anyway. Today they want to bring it to the House floor without giving Members enough time to find out exactly what is in it that they are voting on. But my Republican colleagues want to get out