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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.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inquire of the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], of the schedule for the remainder of the week and next week.

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

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have had our last vote for the week. The House will next meet on Monday July 28 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that there will be no recorded votes before 5 p.m. next Monday evening.

On Monday the House will consider the following 11 suspensions:

H.R. 1855, establishing a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries;

Sense of Congress regarding acts of illegal aggression by Canadian fishermen with respect to Pacific Salmon Fishery;

House Concurrent Resolution 98, Authorizing the Use of the Capitol for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check;

H.R. 2005, Death on the High Seas

H.R. 1596, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1997;

H.R. 1953, To clarify State Authority to Tax Compensation Paid to Certain Employees:

House Concurrent Resolution 75, Sense of Congress that States Should Work More Aggressively to Attack the Problem of Repeat Criminals;

H.R. 103, the Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997;

H.R. 1109, Regarding Citizenship for Children of U.S. Citizens Born Abroad; H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; and

We expect to concur to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1866, the Charitable Donation Antitrust Immunity Act.

The House will then resume consideration of H.R. 2209, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998, under a modified closed rule.

On Tuesday, July 29 and the remainder of the week, the House will con-

sider the following bills all of which will be subject to rules:

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998;

The Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 1998;

H.R. 2159, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998; Commerce, Justice, State Appropria-

tions Act for Fiscal Year 1998;

H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 Conference Report; and

H.R. 2014, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 Conference Report.

Mr. Speaker, meeting times for next week are as follows:

On Tuesday, July 29, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning hour and 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday, July 30, and Thursday, July 31, the House will meet at 10 a.m; and at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 1.

As Members may know, the annual bipartisan congressional baseball game will be held Tuesday night. I know that our stellar athletes, it says here, Mr. Speaker, stellar athletes, on this side of the aisle have been rising early in the morning to practice. We very much look forward to a victory on the diamond next week, and we will end voting early Tuesday evening in order to ensure adequate batting practice. However, as the August district work period approaches, we are faced with the usual legislative crush. As this is the case, it is difficult to predict with any certainty the get-away time for next Friday, August 1. Members should be prepared for votes throughout all of that day, and I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would say to my friend from Texas, "If you want to ensure adequate batting practice, you're going to have to get us out of here a lot earlier than early Tuesday evening."

I would ask my friend from Texas, "Do you expect the House to complete its business by next Friday, and my sense is that you do from the schedule, and to begin the August recess as scheduled after Friday?"

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, it is our expectation, as he knows, and as a longstanding tradition in the House that when we have important business, as it were, on the eve of the commencement of an extended recess period, that it is very difficult to predict the get-away time. But I would predict that some time Friday next we will complete that work that requires completion prior to that extended district work recess period.

Mr. BONIOR. And I also noticed in the gentleman's statement that he expects we will finish our conference reports both on the spending and tax reconciliation bills; is that correct? Does the gentleman expect we will finish those conference reports next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, if the gentleman would yield, that is our expectation. Conferees are meeting now. There is

consultation with the White House that I think is progressing with general enthusiasm on the part of all parties. And so we have, I think, good reason to expect that we could complete that work and have it acted on by the House before we leave on Friday next.

Mr. BONIOR. I would also just thank the gentleman for accommodating the bipartisan events that are scheduled next week, the baseball game; as well, I think, the gym dinner is on Wednesday, and that does not pose too much of a problem to work through; but the baseball game is one that traditionally we have been able to work together on, and I thank the gentleman for his concerns there.

And one final question. Well, actually two. How late on Monday night? And the second question is, do we expect a motion to go to conference on the State Department authorization bill next week; and what day if we do? Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman again for the inquiry, and if the gentleman would yield, we would hope to be able to go to conference on State Department Monday evening, and we would expect that probably, depending on how our work goes, we would complete work between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, and I wish him a good weekend.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. HAST-INGS].

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. May I please respectfully request of the distinguished majority leader that he consider, although I know he cannot answer me now, that on Tuesday next it is anticipated that Justice Brennan's funeral will be held and several, indeed a considerable number of our colleagues, are desirous of attending that funeral; and if it will be possible to roll votes in the event votes are being had, I would ask the majority leader to please consider that.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Michigan will continue to yield, let me just say to the gentleman from Florida, perhaps after this colloquy we could talk a little bit about times and hours and see to what extent hat is something we can accommodate, too, in the way we manage the floor on that day.

Mr. BONIOR. It is my understanding the funeral will be held in Washington, DC, so hopefully we can work something out.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to work with the gentleman and I appreciate the gentleman calling it to my attention.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CATA-FALQUE IN U.S. CAPITOL IN CON-NECTION WITH MEMORIAL SERV-ICES FOR THE LATE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res 123) providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William J. Brennan, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, though obviously I will not object, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] to explain his request.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, apropos the gentleman's earlier comments to the majority leader, it is unfortunate that Associate Justice Brennan has passed on. The administrative assistant to the Chief Justice has asked the Architect of the Capitol, as they did with former Chief Justice Warren Burger, if they might use the catafalque in the basement for memorial services over at the Supreme Court building.

It is entirely appropriate, given the former career of the gentleman from Florida, because he fully appreciates the focus of the Lincoln catafalque for an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, and especially a Justice like William J. Brennan, appointed by a Republican President, with a very distinguished career in first amend-

ment freedom protection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I fully concur with the gentleman's resolution and am entirely in support of same, reminding all of us that the Lincoln catafalque is reserved for giants in our history, as it was for former Chief Justice Warren Burger, retired, on June 28, 1905

We anticipate that Justice Brennan will lie in repose at the family's request possibly for 24 hours, beginning on Monday, July 28, 1997. As we have indicated, the majority leader, working with the minority leader, we are hopeful that they will make arrangements for those of us desirous of attending the funeral.

One final thing is to join my colleague in saying that our Nation has lost a great leader, one who wrote over 1,200 opinions and shaped a large portion of the history of this country in the 1960's, particularly the one-person, one-vote decision of Justice Brennan.

On Monday night the Congressional Black Caucus and other interested Members are going to hold a special order, and I would ask all our colleagues to support the concurrent reso-

lution and to participate in the special order, and as many as possible to attend the funeral.

Mr. THOMAS. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has eloquently indicated the reason why with pleasure, although with sadness, we will allow the Supreme Court to utilize the Lincoln catafalque.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 123

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer to the custody of the Chief Justice of the United States the catafalque which is presently situated in the crypt beneath the rotunda of the Capitol so that such catafalque may be used in the Supreme Court Building in connection with services to be conducted there for the late honorable William J. Brennan, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 695, AFFIRMING RIGHTS OF U.S. PERSONS TO USE AND SELL ENCRYPTION AND TO RELAX EXPORT CONTROLS ON ENCRYPTION

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations may have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 695.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 28, 1997

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 1997, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DICKEY. 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 Arkansas?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TOM ROGERS

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

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the life of Tom Rogers. He passed away on August 24, 1994, in his hometown of Moline, IL, at the age of 60. He was the son of Howard and Helen Rogers and was survived by his wife Kera, who he married on July 12, 1992, and his brother, John Rogers.

This was all said in his obituary, but more needs to be said about his life and more needs to be said by three of us in this body who will stand on the floor of the House of Representatives today to say good things about Tom Rogers. Why? Because he was a special, special person who touched the lives of so many people and of us, and countless others. He even touched our lives as we watched him touching the lives of others.

He was not an elected official. He never ran for office. He never accomplished what we would call great things. He was not wealthy or rich, but he lived a life that was an example to all who knew him and knew people who knew him.

In September, 1953, at the age of 19 Tom Rogers contracted polio. He was paralyzed from the neck down and had serious respiratory problems. I knew Tom and our families were close. He was a 6 foot 2 strapping guy who had boundless energy, and had just finished his first year at Cornell University.

Since I was 6 years his junior, he was one of my heroes. But I did not know at that time what I would learn later, how brave he was, how determined, and what a great character this man would display in the next 41 years.

He set goals; he organized his life; he prepared for a new career. He adapted his life's philosophy. He signed on as a believer in God's son, Jesus Christ, and generally got on with his life, however bleak it looked back in the 1950's.

In the process he never was tempted to feel sorry for himself, and he could have in the following ways: Just within the next year after his contracting polio, the Salk vaccine was developed, but he never dwelt on "what if". He never complained that he could not walk, or talk without great effort, or function without mechanical aids or nurses

He never talked about his condition, his disability, or his frustration. I