

Lantos	Obey	Skaggs
Levin	Ortiz	Slaughter
Lewis (GA)	Pallone	Smith, Adam
Lofgren	Pascarell	Spratt
Lowey	Payne	Stabenow
Maloney (NY)	Pelosi	Stenholm
Manton	Peterson (MN)	Stokes
Markey	Pickett	Strickland
Matsui	Price (NC)	Stupak
McGovern	Rahall	Taylor (MS)
McHale	Rangel	Thurman
McIntyre	Reyes	Towns
McKinney	Rivers	Turner
McNulty	Rodriguez	Waters
Meek	Roemer	Wasslosky
Millender-	Roybal-Allard	Watt (NC)
McDonald	Sabo	Waxman
Minge	Sanchez	Wexler
Mink	Sanders	Weygand
Moakley	Sandlin	Wise
Mollohan	Scott	Woolsey
Moran (VA)	Serrano	Wynn
Nadler	Sherman	

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Ackerman	Fowler	Miller (CA)
Baesler	Frelinghuysen	Miller (FL)
Baker	Gallegly	Morella
Barrett (NE)	Ganske	Murtha
Barton	Gejdenson	Myrick
Bass	Gekas	Neal
Berman	Gonzalez	Neumann
Berry	Goodlatte	Norwood
Blagojevich	Goodling	Oberstar
Blunt	Graham	Olver
Boehner	Gutierrez	Owens
Bonilla	Hall (OH)	Packard
Bono	Hall (TX)	Parker
Borski	Harman	Pastor
Boswell	Hastings (FL)	Petri
Brown (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Pomeroy
Bryant	Hefner	Poshard
Buyer	Hilliard	Rogers
Callahan	Hinchee	Ros-Lehtinen
Calvert	Holden	Rothman
Cannon	Hoolley	Rush
Chabot	Hyde	Sawyer
Chambliss	Jenkins	Schiff
Clay	John	Schumer
Clement	Kennedy (MA)	Sensenbrenner
Clyburn	Kennedy (RI)	Shuster
Coble	Kennelly	Sisisky
Coburn	Kingston	Skelton
Cooksey	Largent	Smith (OR)
Costello	LaTourette	Snyder
Deal	Lewis (CA)	Spence
Deutsch	Lewis (KY)	Stark
Diaz-Balart	Lipinski	Tanner
Dicks	Luther	Tauscher
Doggett	Maloney (CT)	Thompson
Dooley	Martinez	Tierney
Doyle	Mascara	Torres
Dreier	McCarthy (MO)	Velazquez
Duncan	McCarthy (NY)	Vento
Edwards	McCollum	Wamp
Emerson	McDade	Watts (OK)
Everett	McDermott	Wicker
Ewing	McHugh	Wolf
Foglietta	Meehan	Yates
Forbes	Menendez	
Ford	Metcalf	

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So the motion to table was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber for rollcall vote No. 514. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, regrettably I was not present to vote on rollcall vote No. 514 on the motion to table the motion to reconsider. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 514, the motion to reconsider the DC bill I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 169. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2158) "An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2169) "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes."

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, in my considered opinion, I believe every Member of this body has had enough fun for today. We have a few Members that want to conduct some routine business, a unanimous-consent request, to help with the general orderly business of the House.

It would be my preference, Mr. Speaker, that these Members be allowed to do that. I see the distinguished minority whip is there. I would like to ask the whip if perhaps he might be able to give me some assurance that these Members could conduct that business in an orderly fashion, and I could release the rest of the body to begin their district work period.

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

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would say to my colleague that we do not expect any other votes on this side of the aisle.

But I would also say to my colleague, and with respect to the Speaker as well, it is my understanding at the beginning of this Congress it was decided

that we would have votes held to 17 minutes. I want to note that that vote that we just had went over 40 minutes.

When the Speaker says in the middle of a vote that he has prerogatives under the House to extend the vote beyond the 15 minutes, I suspect under the Rules, and I do not know this, but I suspect he perhaps is right. But it was the announced policy of the Speaker and of the majority that we would hold votes to 17 minutes, and the public should take note that that vote went over 40 minutes.

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

The SPEAKER. The Chair would simply like to observe for the distinguished gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] that on one recent occasion, at the request of the Democratic cloakroom, a vote was held open for more than 17 minutes because Members were at the White House meeting with the President, and that the Chair always has the prerogative to lengthen a vote at the Chair's discretion, and that is clear in the rules.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

Mr. ARMEY. I believe I am correct in understanding, Mr. Speaker, that it is the assurance of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] that there should be no more recorded votes expected.

That being the case, I would encourage everyone to return to their districts, have a productive work period, and please do enjoy time with their families.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2579

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 2579.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1984

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1984, on which my name appeared in error.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain to the chair the rollcall numbers on which I missed votes, due to being at the White House this morning.

On rollcall No. 507, I would have voted "yes." That was the District of Columbia Appropriation. On rollcall No. 508, the Transportation Appropriation Conference Report, I would have

voted "yes." On rollcall No. 509, approving the reading of the Journal, I would have voted "yes."

The reason, Mr. Speaker, that those votes were missed was the signing of the National Wildlife Refuge reform bill at the White House this morning.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2332

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 2332.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. PEASE]. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE TO HAVE UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1997, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2616, THE CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1997

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and the Workforce may have until 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 1997, to file a report on the bill, H.R. 2616, the Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997, as amended.

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

Mr. WISE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, has this been cleared with the minority?

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

Mr. WISE. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. RIGGS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, it has. As a matter of fact, this unanimous-consent request is to allow additional time for minority views to be added to the report.

Mr. WISE. Continuing to reserve the right to object, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1997, TO FILE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS ON H.R. 1534, THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 1997, AND H.R. 2578, EXTENDING THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 1997, to file legislative reports on the bills, H.R. 1534, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997, and H.R. 2578, Extending the Visa Waiver Program.

The ranking minority member, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS], has agreed to this request.

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

Mr. WISE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my understanding that the minority has not been consulted on that.

Would the gentleman from Texas [Mr. SMITH] like to withdraw that until the minority has been consulted?

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, that is simply not correct. The ranking minority member, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. JOHN CONYERS, has in fact been consulted, and has in fact agreed to this.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I will have to object until I hear otherwise.

I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

REQUEST TO APPOINT CONFEREES ON S. 1139, SMALL BUSINESS RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1139) to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, with House amendments thereto, insist on the House amendments, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

I perhaps can anticipate the gentleman by saying that the ranking member of the Committee on Small Business not only does not object, but asked me to bring the motion at this time, and it has been cleared for a number of days with the minority.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

Mr. WISE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, once again, there seems not to have been communication on this. I will have to object at this time.

I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

DESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1997

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 9, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection the designation is agreed to. There was no objection.

REQUEST TO APPOINT CONFEREES ON S. 830, AMENDING THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO IMPROVE REGULATION

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 830) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes, with a House amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the events of the past few minutes the Chair has been made aware that there will be objection. Under those circumstances, the Chair will not entertain the request at this time.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1415

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1415.

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

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE FLOYD H. FLAKE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable FLOYD H. FLAKE, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 8, 1997.

Hon. ALEXANDER TREADWELL,
Secretary of State
Albany, NY.

DEAR SECRETARY TREADWELL: After considering the needs of my constituents and the short time remaining in this session, I intend to remain in Congress at least until our legislative business is completed.

I have reviewed section 31 of the Public Officers law, and I understand that my retirement announcement to the Governor on August 4, 1997 was an erroneous interpretation of the statutory requirements for resignations. Therefore, it is also my belief that, according to section 31, any record of my resignation is not effective since I have never directly notified your office of my plans. I will, however, inform you of my plans at the appropriate time, which in this case will be no more than thirty days prior to my resignation.

If there are any questions regarding my plans, please feel free to contact me, or Sean Peterson, my Chief of Staff.

With warmest regards, I am
Sincerely,

FLOYD H. FLAKE,
Member of Congress.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 1997

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in