

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 LEGISLA- TIVE REPORTS ON H.R. 1534, THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IM- PLEMENTATION 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 HON- ORABLE FLOYD H. FLAKE, MEM- BER 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

order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, October 22, 1997.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS, NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, October 21, 1997, the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

GRANTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE PRIVILEGE TO EXTEND REMARKS AND INCLUDE EXTRANEEOUS MATERIAL IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOR TODAY

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that today all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the RECORD entitled "Extensions of Remarks."

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. Speaker, I have the same connection with the request, that I have been meeting with my friends on the minority side, and I believe we have cleared up the communication problems.

The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair has not been advised that any matter is resolved.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

Mr. SISISKY. Reserving the right to object, I will not object, but I will just reiterate that it has been cleared, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under these particular circumstances, the Chair will not entertain the gentle-

man's request at this point. The Chair has been advised that the minority leader is constrained to the request.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. THOMAS. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. THOMAS. Is it my understanding that the Chair has ruled that notwithstanding that the ranking minority member has agreed that the procedure is appropriate and proper, the Democratic leadership wishes to override those people who are otherwise in positions of responsibility to mindlessly object to everything? Is that my understanding?

Mr. WISE. Regular order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Being aware of the pending situation, the Chair is honoring the position communicated by the minority leader.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, so the minority leader—

Mr. WISE. Regular order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. THOMAS. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. The Chair's response to Members on this side who request unanimous-consent requests, notwithstanding the appropriate minority member agreeing that it is appropriate, cannot be honored because the minority leader says it is not to be honored?

Is that the way the rule works, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair can tell the gentleman from California only that, at this point, the Chair has not recognized the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. TALENT].

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

THE PRESIDENT SUPPORTS THE IRS, THE REPUBLICANS SUPPORT THE TAXPAYERS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the President has announced that he is supporting the IRS, and we are announcing here in Congress that the Republicans are supporting the taxpayers. We are on their side. In a nutshell, that is about what it comes down to.

Of course, that is not the news to anyone who has followed politics in this country since the 1960s. Conserv-

atives are the only friends the taxpayers have had since the 1960's. Taxpayers have known ever since the death of John F. Kennedy that liberal Democrats have a soft spot for the IRS and their heavy-handed ways.

It seems that the tradition continues. After having exposed the IRS abuses before a congressional committee, conservatives in Congress propose a bipartisan plan to fix the IRS and bring real accountability to that agency for the first time in a long time.

But the White House does not agree. The White House thinks that the creation of a politically appointed panel that has absolutely no power will really shake things up at the IRS. Hello?

Mr. Speaker, if the White House thinks the IRS is going to change the way it does business as a result of this panel, things are even worse there than I thought. Then again, maybe it is just reflective of their attitude to support the leadership of the IRS over the taxpayers.

WELCOME TO TYLER ADAM GORSUCH

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

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome a new Member to the Crapo organization, Tyler Adam Gorsuch, the adopted son of my administrative assistant Jane Gorsuch and her husband, George. Jane has been with me since I was first sworn into Congress in 1993, and Tyler is their first child.

Tyler arrived in the United States from Seoul, South Korea, on September 4, and now he is 7 months old, happy, and healthy. Tyler is already busy supporting our majority party. He has indicated as only a child can his total support for the family friendly practices in our office, and he is also politically active, as he has volunteered to assist me in my next election. He came to visit my office last week and provided the day's entertainment to my staff. During his second visit to our office he provided invaluable advice to me on the political outlook for my home State of Idaho.

As a father of five children, I understand firsthand the joys of parenthood. My wife Susan and I enjoy watching our children grow through each stage of development, and I know that Jane and George will love and enjoy Tyler just as much.

Congratulations to Jane and George, and best of luck to them as they embark on the most fantastic journey of their lives, parenthood.

BUREAUCRATIC MALAISE AT THE IRS

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