

Political Freedom in China Act of 1997; H.R. 2232, the Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; H.R. 2605, the Communist China Subsidy Reduction Act of 1997; H.R. 2647, a bill to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the United States are monitored; House Resolution 188, a resolution urging the executive branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C-802 cruise missiles; H.R. 2386, the United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act; and H.R. 2621, the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act 1997.

As Members know, Madam Speaker, there are a number of appropriations bills that need to be passed before the House concludes the first session of the 105th Congress. I have always been an optimist, and it is my hope that the House can agree on these important matters by the end of next week, next Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

I thank the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] for yielding me this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Madam Speaker, reclaiming my time, if the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] will bear with me for a second, I have a series of questions I would like to pose to the distinguished majority leader.

A number of resolutions were filed this morning with regard to the Sanchez situation, and I am just wondering when those will be brought up.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, obviously, we will have to look at that. We will try to reconcile that against the schedule. I would guess it would be Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. BONIOR. Second, as the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] knows from the long lines on the floor of the House of Representatives, we have up to now 187 Members, bipartisan I might add in nature, who have come and signed a discharge petition on campaign finance reform. I note there is an agreement in the Senate to take up campaign finance reform. I am just wondering if the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] could tell us when we will take campaign finance up in the House of Representatives.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. If the gentleman would continue to yield, we are looking at that. We have been having discussions among ourselves and with our colleagues on the other side of the building. I do not have anything to announce at this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Well, I suspect that my friend, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], took note that we had an additional 20 Members sign this week. And I think the movement is moving well. I would just encourage my friend from Texas to seriously consider the large number of Members who are interested in this. One hundred and eighty Democrats have already signed this petition. We are looking forward to a debate on that. All sides, all different perspec-

tives on this issue, can have their say on the floor of the House.

Third, can the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] tell me what day we will take up fast track?

Mr. ARMEY. Madam Speaker, it is our intention to do fast track on Friday.

Mr. BONIOR. Reclaiming my time, fourth, I note that in the comments the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] has just made, there were a series of bills related to China on the schedule. I am wondering under what structure we are going to consider them.

Are we going to have one rule to consider them all, or are we going to have separate rules on each of the bills that my colleague said we will discuss next week as they relate to China?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, the Committee on Rules will be meeting earlier next week and they will be working on that in conjunction with the other members of the committee, and the minority will be, I suppose, negotiating that.

Mr. BONIOR. Well, I hope they are brought out here under separate rules and we do not have a package rule situation on these very important bills.

Finally, let me just ask my friend, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], I noted in his comments at the end that he seemed optimistic, and referred to himself that way, that we will be able to finish by the end of the week next week. I am optimistic, as well, and my sense is that that is where we are heading. If the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] has any other thoughts on that, I would like to hear them. And if not, does he anticipate an additional continuing resolution to take us into next year?

Mr. ARMEY. It is my belief at this point to continue to talk to all the people related to these conferences on spending bills that we can complete that work by sometime next weekend. I see no reason to depart from that belief. But I must advise the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] that I hold that belief and punctuate it with both a knock on wood and a prayer.

Mr. BONIOR. I will take both. Have a good weekend.

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

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

Mr. RIGGS. Madam Speaker, with the passage of the rule making in order both the HELP scholarships bill, which I know is of genuine interest and even some concern to Members on both sides of the aisle and on both sides of the issue, pro and con, through the majority whip to the majority leader, is it our intention to resume that debate and have the debate on the HELP scholarships bill between 4 and 6 on Tuesday, so Members know they should be back at that time for debate, and that the vote would then occur on the HELP scholarships bill at approximately 6 p.m.?

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

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

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is correct.

Let me again reiterate. We will begin the general debate then on the HELP scholarships bill around 4 on Tuesday.

Mr. RIGGS. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] for yielding.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Madam 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, on rollcall votes 559 through 565, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all of the votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JOHN. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 554 on H.R. 1270, I also was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, Loretta Sanchez was issued a certificate of election as the duly elected Member of Congress from the 46th District of California by the Secretary of State of California and was seated by the U.S. House of Representatives on January 7, 1997; and whereas, in the 104th Congress, similar challenges were brought in three elections, including one involving the offeror of this resolution, winner of her election by 812 votes, duly certified by the Secretary of State of

California. After 9 months of investigation at a cost of over 100,000 taxpayer dollars, no evidence of fraud being found, the challenge was withdrawn; and whereas, the Committee on House Oversight has had more than ample time to conclude its investigation, conducted at great taxpayer expense: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That unless the Committee on Oversight has sooner reported a recommendation for its final disposition, the contest of the 46th District of California is dismissed upon the expiration of November 7, 1997.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the entire resolution be printed at this point in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, Loretta Sanchez was issued a certificate of election as the duly elected Member of Congress from the 46th District of California by the Secretary of State of California and was seated by the U.S. House of Representatives on January 7, 1997; and

Whereas A Notice of Contest of Election was filed with the Clerk of the House by Mr. Robert Dornan on December 26, 1996; and

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California met on February 26, 1997 in Washington, D.C., on April 19, 1997 in Orange County, California and October 24, 1997 in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas the allegations made by Mr. Robert Dornan have been largely found to be without merit: charges of improper voting from a business, rather than a resident address; underage voting; double voting; and charged of unusually large number of individuals voting from the same address. It was found that voting from the same address included a Marines barracks and the domicile of nuns, that business addresses were legal residences for the individuals including the zoo keeper of the Santa Ana zoo, that duplicate voting was by different individuals and those accused of underage voting were of age; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has issued unprecedented subpoenas to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to compare their records with Orange County voter registration records, the first time in any election in the history of the United States that the INS has been asked by Congress to verify the citizenship of voters; and

Whereas the INS has complied with the Committee's request and, at the Committee's request, has been doing a manual check of its paper files and providing worksheets containing supplemental information on that manual check to the Committee on House Oversight for over five months; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight, subpoenaed the record seized by the District Attorney of Orange County on February 13, 1997 and has received and reviewed all records pertaining to registration efforts of that group; and

Whereas the House Oversight Committee is now pursuing a duplicate and dilatory review of materials already in the Committees possession by the Secretary of State of California; and

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California and the Committee have been reviewing these materials and has all the information it needs regarding who voted in the 46th District and all the information it needs to

make the judgements concerning those votes; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has after over nine months of review and investigation failed to present credible evidence to change the outcome of the election of Congresswoman Sanchez and is pursuing never ending and unsubstantiated areas of review; and

Whereas, Contestant Robert Dornan has not shown or provided credible evidence that the outcome of the election is other than Congresswoman Sanchez's election to the Congress; and

Whereas, in the 104th Congress, similar challenges were brought in three elections, including one involving the offeror of this resolution, winner of her election by 812 votes, duly certified by the Secretary of State of California. After nine months of investigation at a cost of over \$100,000 taxpayer dollars, no evidence of fraud being found, the challenge was withdrawn; and

Whereas by prolonging the contest against Representative Loretta Sanchez, Mr. Robert Dornan has disrupted the proceedings of the House and fractured the comity necessary for Members of Congress to conduct the peoples' business and address by legislation and policy the major challenges facing the United States in the 21st Century; and

Whereas, the Committee on House Oversight has had more than ample time to conclude its investigation, conducted at great taxpayer expense, now therefore be it;

Resolved, That unless the Committee on House Oversight has sooner reported a recommendation for its final disposition, the contest in the 46th District of California is dismissed upon the expiration of November 7, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from California [Ms. HARMAN] will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House.

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Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California

met on February 26, 1997 in Washington, D.C., on April 19, 1997 in Orange County, California and has not met since that time; and

Whereas the allegations made by Mr. Robert Dornan have been largely found to be without merit: Charges of improper voting from a business, rather than a resident address; underage voting; double voting; and charged of unusually large number of individuals voting from the same address. It was found that voting from the same address included a Marines barracks and the domicile of nuns, that business addresses were legal residences for the individuals including the zoo keeper of the Santa Ana zoo, that duplicate voting was by different individuals and those accused of underage voting were of age; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has issued unprecedented subpoenas to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to compare their records with Orange County voter registration records, the first time in any election in the history of the United States that the INS has been asked by Congress to verify the citizenship of voters; and

Whereas the INS has complied with the Committee's request and, at the Committee's request, has been doing a manual check of its paper files and providing worksheets containing supplemental information on that manual check to the Committee on House Oversight for over five months; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight, subpoenaed the record seized by the District Attorney of Orange County on February 13, 1997 and has received and reviewed all records pertaining to registration efforts of that group; and

Whereas some Members of the House Oversight Committee are now seeking a duplicate and dilatory review of materials already in the Committee's possession by the Secretary of State of California; and

Whereas the Task Force on the Contested Election in the 46th District of California and the Committee have been reviewing these materials and has all the information it needs regarding who voted in the 46th District and all the information it needs to make the judgments concerning those votes; and

Whereas the Committee on House Oversight has after over nine months of review and investigation failed to present credible evidence to change the outcome of the election of Congresswoman Sanchez and is pursuing never ending and unsubstantiated areas of review; and

Whereas, Contestant Robert Dornan has not shown or provided credible evidence that the outcome of the election is other than Congresswoman Sanchez's election to the Congress; and

Whereas, Loretta Sanchez of the Golden State smiles brighter than Bob Dornan even on a cloudy day.

Whereas Loretta Sanchez, a latina from California, has been persecuted for beating B-2 bomber Bob.

Whereas Loretta Sanchez is working to represent all the people of her district regardless of race, color, creed, gender, national origin or sexual orientation.

Whereas the Republican majority has failed to complete the nation's legislative business on time in each of its majority years.

Whereas many feel that the real bottom line in all of this is that Bob Dornan needs to get a life—and a job.

Whereas, the Committee on House Oversight should complete its review of this matter and bring this contest to an end and now therefore be it;

Resolved, That unless the Committee on House Oversight has sooner reported a recommendation for its final disposition, the