

are a lot of things that could be slowed down next week.

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

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

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to try and respond to that, if the gentleman would like a response.

Mr. BONIOR. I would be very happy to yield and would tend to agree with my friend, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), on his point.

Mr. LAZIO. I thank the gentleman. I thank both gentlemen. It is certainly true that our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. Brown), deserves all the honor that he will be given on Wednesday. I can say that this House is trying to accommodate Members by ensuring that there will be no recorded votes on Wednesday, and we will be in discussions with the Committee on Appropriations to see the best we can do to ensure that Members are not put in a position where they need to choose; but as both gentlemen know, we are trying to get our appropriations work done.

We are trying to work around Wednesday. We have scheduled no votes on that day. We are trying to ensure that Members can get out and make that flight in the morning so they can attend the service. That will be accommodated. There will be no votes, and we will take up the other remaining appropriations bills, working around that Wednesday; and we will do the very best we possibly can in terms of committee considerations. I do not know that I can say more than that.

Mr. BONIOR. I would just remind my friend that the tradition of the House is to accommodate the Members when a Member of this body has passed away and services are held. That has been the long tradition in this House.

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

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

Mr. OBEY. Let me simply point out there are a number of Members in the California delegation who would need to be involved in the debate that would go on if they were here. It is unfair to them to expect that they ought to be here while they would like to be in California at the last opportunity to bid adieu to one of their colleagues.

So it just seems to me that this House has adjourned fully for hundreds of Members in its history, and it ought to do the same for the gentleman from California (Mr. Brown).

Mr. BONIOR. We would ask, again, that the majority revisit this issue and talk about it.

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

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

Mr. DREIER. I would simply like to say that I have the privilege of representing the district that adjoins the gentleman from California (Mr. Brown) in California, and he was a very dear

friend to me. I am looking forward to the memorial service that we are going to have here in Statutory Hall and we are going to be participating in special orders for the gentleman from California (Mr. Brown) at some point, I think that is sometime next week, but I think that as my friend, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAZIO) has said, that it is very important for us to proceed with our work here.

We appreciate the input that has come from a number of Members.

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

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

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose an additional question. I did not hear any mention of H.R. 402, a bill sponsored by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and 228 other cosponsors, a dairy bill, that has overwhelmingly passed the House Committee on Agriculture. I did not hear whether or not it might be scheduled next week.

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

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

Mr. LAZIO. I am just informed that the bill which the gentleman references is under consideration by the House leadership. It is not expected to be scheduled for next week; but it is under consideration, and I will try to ensure that the gentleman receives some update during the course of next week.

Mr. STENHOLM. Might it possibly be scheduled the following week then? I am hearing that it might be postponed until September, and there is a little anxiety among the dairy community if that would be the fact. We would hope that it would and could be scheduled prior to our August break.

Mr. LAZIO. Well, I would say to the gentleman that I am happy to try and give the gentleman an update sometime next week and we will do the very best we can. I know that the bill is under consideration by leadership now.

Mr. STENHOLM. I thank the gentleman for that.

Mr. LAZIO. The gentleman is welcome.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, just to conclude, I thank my friend, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAZIO) and my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), for their input and would ask once again that they go back and revisit this with the rest of their leadership, the question of Wednesday. I understand their need to move forward; and we appreciate that, having been in a similar situation ourselves, but with all due respect, especially for someone who has served with such great distinction in this body and who had so many friends, it will present a terrible conflict for Members to choose. That should not be the case. It has not been the tradition to have to

face that choice, and I hope that we can revisit that decision.

I thank the gentleman for the comments this evening.

Mr. LAZIO. I thank the gentleman.

MAKING IN ORDER ON JULY 27, 1999, OR ANY DAY THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 57 DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on July 27, 1999, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 57) disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; that the joint resolution be debatable for 3 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in opposition to the joint resolution, and a Member in support of the joint resolution; that pursuant to sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and that the provisions of sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the extension of most-favored-nation treatment to the People's Republic of China for the remainder of the first session of the 106th Congress.

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, could the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) clarify the intent of this unanimous consent regarding the distribution of debatable time?

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

Ms. PELOSI. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it is the intention for us to proceed, recognizing that there are Members of the Committee on Ways and Means who both support and oppose this resolution, with an equal division of debate so that Members on both sides of this issue will have an equal opportunity to participate in this, and we are looking forward to a very interesting, fascinating, full, vigorous 3 hours of debate on this issue.

Ms. PELOSI. Further seeking clarification, when the gentleman says recognizing that Members of the Committee on Ways and Means in both parties agree or disagree on this, does that

mean that only a Member of the Committee on Ways and Means of the majority or minority party can control the time?

Mr. DREIER. It is not our intention to make that decision as far as recognition. It will be up to the Chair. Again, there are Members of both the majority and the minority on the Committee on Ways and Means who are on both sides of this question, but it is clear that another Member could be recognized. In fact, the author of the resolution of disapproval is not, in fact, a Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and it is quite possible that he could be recognized.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman for his clarification.

Mr. DREIER. I thank the gentleman for yielding and would encourage acceptance of my unanimous consent request and again look forward to a vigorous debate.

Ms. PELOSI. 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.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 26, 1999

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

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DREIER. 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 California?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 507) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 798

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 798.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1074, REGULATORY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1999

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 258 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 258

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1074) to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a

substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During the consideration of this amendment, all time is yielded for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation before us is a modified open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1074, the Regulatory Right-To-Know Act of 1999.

This open rule provides for 1 hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform.

The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purposes of amendment under the 5-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill.

The bill provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point.

The rule provides for the consideration of only those amendments preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or that designee, and pro forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate only.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15-minute vote.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, the underlying legislation, the Regulatory Right-to-Know Act is important legislation. The purpose of this legislation is to increase public awareness about the costs and benefits of Federal regulations to increase accountability of the government and to improve the Federal program and rules.

The bill achieves these goals by requiring the Office of Management and Budget to prepare an annual accounting statement containing cost and benefit estimates of Federal regulatory programs.

Furthermore, this report would require an analysis of the cumulative impact of regulations on various sectors and functional areas, including the private sector.

The Regulatory Right-To-Know Act is yet another significant step towards making this government more efficient and more accountable. A more efficient and accountable government provides