

Regula	Shaw	Thornberry
Rehberg	Shays	Thune
Reyes	Sherman	Thurman
Reynolds	Sherwood	Tiahrt
Riley	Shimkus	Tiberi
Rivers	Shows	Tierney
Rodriguez	Shuster	Toomey
Roemer	Simpson	Traficant
Rogers (KY)	Skeen	Udall (NM)
Rogers (MI)	Skelton	Upton
Rohrabacher	Slaughter	Velazquez
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Visclosky
Ross	Smith (NJ)	Vitter
Rothman	Smith (TX)	Walden
Roukema	Smith (WA)	Walsh
Roybal-Allard	Snyder	Wamp
Royce	Souder	Watkins (OK)
Rush	Spence	Watson (CA)
Ryan (WI)	Spratt	Watt (NC)
Ryun (KS)	Stark	Watts (OK)
Sabo	Stearns	Waxman
Sanchez	Stenholm	Weiner
Sanders	Strickland	Weldon (FL)
Sandlin	Stump	Weldon (PA)
Sawyer	Stupak	Weller
Saxton	Sununu	Whitfield
Scarborough	Sweeney	Wicker
Schakowsky	Tanner	Wilson
Schiff	Tauscher	Wolf
Schrock	Taylor (MS)	Woolsey
Scott	Taylor (NC)	Wu
Sensenbrenner	Terry	Wynn
Serrano	Thomas	Young (AK)
Sessions	Thompson (CA)	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Thompson (MS)	

## NAYS—3

Paul	Schaffer	Tancred
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## NOT VOTING—18

Burton	Lewis (KY)	Tauzin
Dingell	Lofgren	Towns
Ferguson	Miller, George	Turner
Hutchinson	Putnam	Udall (CO)
Jefferson	Simmons	Waters
Jones (OH)	Solis	Wexler

□ 1258

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 155, I was the speaker at my son's high school graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 155 on H.R. 1699, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I attended my daughter's high school graduation and was therefore not in Washington, DC. Had I been present in the House Chamber today, I would have cast my votes in the following manner: Rollcall 154—"yes", approving the Journal for June 6, 2001; rollcall 155—"yes", passage of H.R. 1699, Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2001.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1699.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

# AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 1699, COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 1699, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section number and cross-referencing.

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

There was no objection.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of inquiring on the schedule for the remainder of the week and next week.

I would yield to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) for any information he wishes to impart to the body.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Michigan for yielding.

I would announce, Mr. Speaker, that the House has completed its legislative business for the week. The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, June 12, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and then at 2 o'clock for legislation business. We will be considering a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. On Tuesday, no recorded votes are expected until 6 o'clock.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House plans to consider the following measures, subject to rules. First, H.R. 931, the Sudan Peace Act; and, second, H.R. 1088, which is the Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act. That would be Wednesday and Thursday.

On Friday, no votes are expected in the House.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, if I may inquire a question or two from the distinguished gentleman from Ohio.

The security bill that the gentleman alluded to at the end of his remarks has been on the calendar numerous times over the last several months. Is it likely to be brought up this time?

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, I think our leadership is relatively optimistic that this time we can work out whatever differences there might be between the two committees of jurisdiction and take it to the floor next week.

As the gentleman knows, the gentleman from Indiana (Chairman BURTON) was out unavoidably this week due to personal health issues in his family, and the Committee on Government Reform does have jurisdiction over this issue, as does the Committee

on Financial Services. But it is my understanding that we now have the ability to move it to the floor and differences are being worked out.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

If I could make just one other comment, Mr. Speaker, and this is not aimed at the gentleman from Ohio but at the Republican leadership in general; I want to express how angry our caucus is about the way the tax reconciliation bill was handled right before the Memorial Day recess.

□ 1300

Members were kept an additional 2 days here, waiting around for a vote. In fact, I think many know that we were kept waiting all night with a vote promised every hour.

Now, I know these issues are difficult and sometimes they take turns that people do not expect in the negotiation process; and by the way, it would have been nice if the Democrats were invited to have participated in the negotiating process which we were kept from. But having said that, let me just say, the American people were also blocked from any knowledge of what was in the bill that would affect our Nation, perhaps for the next 2 decades. Memorial Day, as everyone knows in this Chamber, is a very special and important time for Members to be in their home districts to honor our Nation's veterans and the activities that surround that honoring.

This is the second time, I will tell the gentleman from Ohio, who may want to relay this to others in the leadership, that this has happened this Congress. We have tried to work with our colleagues in a civil and bipartisan way the best we can, but there is a deep amount of anger about the way this was handled because it was the second time.

I just want the gentleman and the Republican leadership to know that if we are brought into the process, I will say this once again, we will be fine. We will work with our Republican colleagues; we will try to figure this out the best we can. But if we are treated the way we were treated on the tax reconciliation bill, we will be very, very vigorous next time. We want to make sure that the people in this body who serve and represent literally tens of millions of people in this country, hundreds of millions on our side of the aisle, have the opportunity to participate and to know what is going on. It is not meant as something that is going to happen, but I just want the gentleman to know how strongly we feel about this, and I hope my friend from Ohio will share that with the Speaker, with the other leaders of the gentleman's party; and I will do so, especially when I see them, and have done so when I have talked to them already.

Mr. Speaker, we are very serious about this, and we are trying to do this in a reasonable way; but when we are

shut out and we do not have a voice and we are kept guessing the way we were leading up to the Memorial Day recess, we can play that same game and we can tie this place up and we can create a situation that will be totally unpleasant for everybody else in this Chamber. We prefer not to do that, but we do not want it done to us. I will just leave it at that; and I thank my colleague, and I wish him a very happy and a good weekend.

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

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

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I appreciate the gentleman's candor, as usual. I will say that there was frustration, of course, on both sides of the aisle with that process; and many Members who waited for those votes and spent the night in their offices probably felt that same frustration. It was the most comprehensive tax legislation in a couple of decades and there were a lot of complications working with the other body, including members of the gentleman's party. But the point is well taken with regard to the frustration.

We, of course, had hoped that we could have kept to a more tight time schedule. It ended up not being possible, given all the complexities of moving the most comprehensive legislation in this area in a generation. But I appreciate the gentleman's comments and, again, his candor, as usual; and I look forward to trying to better work together in the future on these legislative projects.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 8, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. PORTMAN. 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 Ohio?

There was no objection.

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations have until 5 p.m. tomorrow, June 8, 2001, to file a report to accompany H.R. 2052.

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD) as a cosponsor of H.R. 1305.

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

There was no objection.

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Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 158) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 158

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Government Reform: Mr. Duncan.  
Science: Mr. Gilchrest.  
Small Business: Mr. Shuster.  
Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Ney to rank after Mr. Baker; Mr. Culberson and Mr. Shuster.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to recently have been named chairman of the Page Board; and one of the official duties is to say good-bye to the current page class, which graduates this Friday, which is

tomorrow. So I would like to ask them to come down, I want you to fill in these seats, the first three rows of seats right up here. Come on down.

Mr. Speaker, as a reminder of what we are seeing here, we are seeing 69 pages who hail from throughout the United States and are representative samples of what is good and great and stupendous about America. They are representative of various Members of Congress who have submitted their names. They have endured the arduous year process of actually being employees of the Clerk of the House while attending school, getting to know each other, living together and, as we just heard in the colloquy with the leadership of both sides, the Democrats and Republicans, sometimes enduring very long hours and late nights as they get an opportunity to see the legislative process unfold. Much like sausage, it tastes pretty good, but sometimes the process is something to be desired.

We really appreciate your service; and as I address these comments to the Speaker, he knows also that the work that you do is very important here and the work that you do here is historical. Many things in Washington, D.C. have historical implications. The page class and the operation of pages goes back 200 years. So this is not any fly-by-night operation that just popped up in somebody's mind. Your service has been involved in the founding and the establishment and through the various difficult processes of this constitutional republic, and you have been here with us working and learning and, hopefully, this is not the pinnacle of your career.

Hopefully, this is just one stop along the way that will help you continue to add greatness to this country and greatness to this process and the political system, whether that is being a good citizen, being a concerned voter, diligent on the issues, or being involved in the process. We are going to hear from some of my colleagues who will have greater words of wisdom based upon their experience as maybe former pages who were involved in the process.

But I want you to know that as the chairman of the Page Board that we appreciate your service and we wish you Godspeed.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), the senior member of the Page Board who has been around for many, many years.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. Indeed, I have been a member of the Page Board for many, many years. Tip O'Neill appointed me to the Page Board in, I think, 1980. I have served as chairman and as ranking minority member. It is interesting, on the Page Board, if I am correct, I think every vote we have ever cast on the Page Board has been unanimous. You really have helped unite us. You serve us so well, and we want to serve you very, very well.