

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCEDURES
AND DEADLINE FOR PRINTING
OF AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 4, SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE ENERGY ACT OF 2001

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to notify Members that this morning the Committee on Rules sent out a Dear Colleague letter announcing that it intends to meet next week to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 4, the Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001. The consolidated bill was introduced this morning and the text is available on the Committee on Rules Web site at www.house.gov/rules.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment must submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a very brief explanation, very brief explanation, of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol no later than 6 p.m. on Monday. Let me say that again, Mr. Speaker, that is no later than 6 p.m. this coming Monday.

Members should draft their amendments to the bill that was introduced this morning. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 770

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 770, the Morris K. Udall Arctic Wilderness Act of 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 1745

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 1745. My name is mistakenly added as a cosponsor.

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

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 rise to inquire from the distinguished majority leader the schedule for the remainder of the week and next week.

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

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has now completed its legislative business for the week. On behalf of all of us in the House, I would like to thank the Committee on Appropriations for its hard work on the VA-HUD appropriations bill that has been under consideration yesterday and today.

I would like to thank them in particular for the unanimous consent agreement reached earlier today. We will now be able to complete the consideration of that bill on Monday, once again due to their willingness to work on that night for that purpose and in that manner, Mr. Speaker, so it will become no longer necessary for us to worry about our weekend.

Mr. Speaker, the House will next meet for legislative business on Monday, July 30, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business.

The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices later today.

On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o'clock p.m. Following suspension votes, the House will complete consideration of H.R. 2620, the VA-HUD Appropriations Act.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures:

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act;

H.R. 2505, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act;

The Jordan Free Trade Agreement; and

H.R. 4, the Secure America's Future Energy Act of 2001.

Members should also be prepared to consider HMO reform legislation and trade promotion authority next week as they become available. Obviously, Members should expect another busy and productive week in the House with the possibility of several late nights.

Mr. Speaker, as is the tradition of this House, we must advise Members that we can give no firm guarantee for 2 o'clock getaway on Friday, the day we break for such a long work period. But I must say, Mr. Speaker, given the cooperative nature of this body, I have every confidence if we are willing to work late evenings, we will be able to get away for our district work period at the designated time next week.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for informing us of the schedule for next week.

If I might inquire of him a couple of questions. Is it his anticipation to finish up this bill we have just completed today, or at least finished working on today, on Monday evening?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, yes. In accordance

with our unanimous consent request propounded earlier by the bill managers, we believe we can finish it Monday night after we take the suspension votes.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, we expect a late night on Monday, then. Would the gentleman care to venture how late we might be going Monday, and then the other evenings during the week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, my impression is that there is little work remaining on the bill, so we should not be extraordinarily late on Monday.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the HMO bill, the Patients' Bill of Rights, do we have a time when that might be coming to the floor next week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his interest.

We are continuing to work with several Members on that bill. At this point, I can only say that we would expect it sometime from Wednesday through Friday.

Mr. BONIOR. The energy bill, can the gentleman give us a day when that may, in fact, reach the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, we would expect that probably on Wednesday, but in that time frame, from Wednesday to Friday.

Mr. BONIOR. On the energy bill, can the distinguished majority leader give us an idea what kind of rule we are going to have on that? Are we going to have an open rule? Is it going to be closed? What are the feelings at this point with respect to the ability to bring that bill to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. I am informed that the Committee on Rules is meeting next week. They have just announced a filing deadline for Monday. I understand that there are a great many Members with some very, what should I say, controversial amendments over which they are concerned; but I can only say that every conversation I have had leads me to believe that the Members should expect the Committee on Rules to be very understanding and generous with the rule.

Mr. BONIOR. And the fast track legislation? The gentleman is suggesting we will definitely see that, we might see that, or is it 50/50 we could see that? Where are we with fast track?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I am confident we will see it before we retire from work for our recess on Friday. I am just sorry I cannot give a more specific time.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague. I wish him a good weekend.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2001 TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2505, HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary may have until 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, to file a report on H.R. 2505.

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

There was no objection.

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday at 1:39 p.m. the Space Shuttle Atlantis and its crew returned to Earth, successfully delivering and installing a new portal for spacewalkers, the International Space Station. On Monday of next week, we just learned, Mr. Speaker, that the debate over the future of NASA will land in this Chamber.

I rise today to urge my colleagues to remember that despite the fact that some of our forebears came to this continent in chains, all Americans are descended of pioneers who journeyed to or prevailed in this wilderness nation.

More than any other people on the Earth, we are a nation of explorers, and the debate next week will provide an important opportunity to restate this by providing resources for the International Space Station, for return vehicles and urgent repairs for the vehicle assembly building at Kennedy Space Station.

Let us not abandon this character of exploration that is one of the most compelling aspects of the American character.

DEBATING AMERICA'S ENERGY POLICY

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, next week we will take up the energy policy bill, which really is going to be one of the most important bills, both from an energy and from an environmental perspective, in the next 10 years. It is our hope that during the next few days, the majority leadership will fashion a rule which will, in fact, allow environmental considerations in this bill.

We definitely need to improve this bill. We need to improve it by increasing the energy efficiency of our automobiles. This bill does not do it. We need to have additional tax incentives for renewable energy and clean conservation technologies. This bill does not do it. We need pipeline safety to make sure pipelines do not explode. This bill does not do it. We need better efficiency standards. Lastly, we ought to make sure we do not drill in the Arctic Refuge.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the Speaker will personally use his energy in the majority caucus to make sure we have a fair and honest debate on these very important environmental measures. Next week the House needs to speak on these. Let us give people in America trust in the environment as well as energy next week.

URGING THE HOUSE TO CONTINUE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to associate my words with those of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) who made the comments about the NASA budget, and to urge our colleagues to continue to support the tremendous work that has been done by the Committee on Appropriations to make sure that we have adequate funding to keep the International Space Station on the path that we have set it on, to make sure that we have a full crew of seven researchers and astronauts there, and that we accomplish the goals that we set for that, with a safe crew return vehicle and continued operation of the space shuttle in a safe and effective manner.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SKELTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN ROUSE, EDITOR OF THE BOWIE BLADE NEWS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. John Rouse. He is celebrating his 30th anniversary as the editor of the Bowie Blade News, a hometown newspaper located in Bowie, Maryland, in the heart of my district.

The first amendment states, and I quote, "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." This first tenet of freedom in the Bill of Rights is vigorously exercised by the thousands of hometown newspapers that act as watchdogs for the American public against intrusion on its rights and property by the government and by others.

Newspapers across the country oversee elected officials' conduct and performance, reporting the facts and offering praise or criticism on their editorial pages. It is the prism by which many Americans gain their insight on just what is happening in the world, in America, and even right next door.

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We lament the fact that sometimes they are wrong, as human beings are wont to do, but most times they are right. In any event, they are absolutely essential to the continuation, to the growth and the vitality of democracy.

John Rouse, Mr. Speaker, has made an extraordinary contribution to his community by fulfilling this watchdog role in Bowie, Maryland, for 30 years.