

Walden	Watts (OK)	Wilson
Walsh	Waxman	Wolf
Wamp	Weiner	Woolsey
Waters	Weldon (PA)	Wu
Watkins (OK)	Weller	Wynn
Watson (CA)	Wexler	Young (AK)
Watt (NC)	Whitfield	Young (FL)

## NAYS—48

Akin	Goodlatte	Putnam
Bartlett	Hall (TX)	Radanovich
Barton	Hayworth	Rohrabacher
Blunt	Hefley	Royce
Brady (TX)	Herger	Ryun (KS)
Cantor	Hostettler	Schaffer
Coble	Hunter	Sensenbrenner
Collins	Johnson, Sam	Sessions
Cox	Jones (NC)	Shadegg
Crane	Kerns	Smith (MI)
Culberson	Myrick	Stearns
DeMint	Otter	Stump
Doolittle	Paul	Tancredo
Duncan	Pence	Tiahrt
Flake	Pitts	Toomey
Goode	Pombo	Weldon (FL)

## NOT VOTING—17

Ackerman	DeLay	Lofgren
Baldacci	Evans	Maloney (NY)
Burton	Ganske	Ose
Conyers	Johnson (CT)	Trafficant
Cubin	Kilpatrick	Wicker
Delahunt	Largent	

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So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to personal business in my district, I am unable to be present for legislative business scheduled for today, Thursday, November 8. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 433, on approving the Journal; rollcall No. 434, H.R. 2620, the VA-HUD appropriations conference report; and rollcall No. 435, on the motion to instruct House conferees on the bill H.R. 3061, the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, regrettably, I was detained at a meeting, my beeper did not go off and I missed two critically important votes.

On the conference report on H.R. 2620, I would have voted "yes"; and on the motion to instruct conferees on 3061 for Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill to insist the House level for education, I certainly would have voted "yes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. REGULA, YOUNG of Florida, ISTOOK, DAN MILLER of Florida, WICKER, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. GRANGER, Messrs. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, SHERWOOD, OBEY, HOYER, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

There was no objection.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute).

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas to inquire about next week's schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, November 13 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 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 tomorrow. The House will also consider the Agriculture appropriations conference report, and we hope to complete an agreement to consider the Commerce-Justice-State appropriations conference report as well.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, Members should be aware that there will be no recorded votes before 6:30 p.m. Mr. Speaker, let me repeat. In compliance with a request from the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), on Tuesday no recorded votes are expected before 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider several authorization and appropriations bills now in conference. I will be happy to schedule them as soon as they become available.

Chairman YOUNG also reports that the markup of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act should be completed early next week, and I will schedule that bill for consideration in the House as soon as it is ready for the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I would also take this opportunity to remind Members that as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we are working very hard to complete our business for the year. There are obviously many important pieces of legislation to complete prior to adjournment, so I would advise Members that the House should be prepared to continue its work into next weekend and early in the following week in order to finish our work for the year, if at all possible.

Mr. FROST. I would ask the gentleman from Texas, do you expect fast track trade legislation to be on the floor next week?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I should only say it is possible at this point. That is really as much as I can say.

Mr. FROST. I would further ask the gentleman, we have heard rumors of a terrorism insurance bill also making its way to the floor. Should we expect that next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for his inquiry.

If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, Chairman OXLEY and his committee have in fact completed their markup of this legislation. It is very important. But it is a legislation with respect to which the Committee on the Judiciary shares some

jurisdiction. At this point, the gentleman from Texas should be advised I am going to be consulting with the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary to see if it is possible we can work that bill out and have it to the floor next week.

Mr. FROST. I would further ask the gentleman, with the holidays approaching, many people are anxious that we ensure flying is as safe as possible. Do we have any idea when we will get the airline security conference report to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for the inquiry.

If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman's point is extremely well taken. As I entered the building at 8 o'clock this morning, I saw the conferees moving to the other side of the building for the purpose of beginning that work. I have been assured by Chairman YOUNG that they are aware of how important it is, they are trying to proceed with that conference, and we would hope and expect they could complete that work for consideration next week.

Mr. FROST. I would point out to the distinguished majority leader that it will be very difficult for Members of Congress to leave town unless we have acted on that legislation. They will not feel good about going home and seeing their constituents until we have taken action on that bill.

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's point, and I am sure the conferees are well aware of that as well.

Mr. FROST. I would ask the gentleman one additional question. I noticed in his initial statement that he discussed the possibility of being in session next weekend and perhaps into the following week. The following week is the week of Thanksgiving. At what point will a decision be made by the majority as to whether we will be in session next weekend or whether we would vote another continuing resolution and come back after Thanksgiving?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. The point is very well taken and a good question.

Sometime as we proceed next week and we get the measure of some of these very important appropriations bills and conferences, as we get the measure of their progress, we should be able then to give the Members definitive answers with respect to working even possibly through the weekend, the weekend next or, of course, that Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. I think it would be prudent of me to advise most Members that irrespective of what we do relative to the weekend preceding Thanksgiving week, that they should anticipate being here on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week and working on those 2 days.

Mr. FROST. I thank the gentleman. We look forward to seeing the schedule as it develops next week.

## RANKING OF MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 282) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 282

*Resolved*, That Mr. Lynch of Massachusetts shall rank after Mr. Shows of Mississippi on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 283) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 283

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

Armed Services: Mr. Jeff Miller of Florida.  
Veterans Affairs: Mr. Jeff Miller of Florida.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. ARMEY. 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. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

## ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2001, TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, November 9, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2001, 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.

## WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ON OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO UNITED STATES

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 264) expressing the sense of Congress to welcome the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, and to affirm that India is a valued friend and partner and an important ally in the campaign against international terrorism, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from New York, so that he may explain the reasons for moving this resolution immediately to the floor.

Mr. GILMAN. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), the ranking minority member on the Committee on International Relations, for crafting H. Con. Res. 264, a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress to welcome the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on the occasion of his visit to our Nation, and to affirm that India is a valued friend and partner and an important ally in the campaign against international terrorism.

India and the United States share a common destiny. Our people thrive on democracy, the rule of law and the right to freely worship God, and our governments understand that these rights and freedoms are essential for our civilizations to flourish.

Mr. Speaker, this past Monday in New Delhi, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and India's Minister of Defense, George Fernandes, met and agreed to expand and intensify our mutual cooperation in the war against international terrorism. We are delighted that India and the United States are moving closer to becoming allies in every sense of the word.

An alliance between our Nation and India could specifically be used to promote democratic governments in the region and to combat drugs and terrorism. And our Nation appreciates the immeasurable contributions to our society made by the more than 1 million Americans of Indian origin.

This past summer, Russian President Putin and Chinese President Jiang

Zemin gave each other a bear hug and signed a so-called "friendship treaty." We are now embarking on a similar friendship with India and Prime Minister Vajpayee.

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I am delighted to speak in support of this resolution which welcomes Prime Minister Vajpayee of India to the United States and expresses the deep appreciation of the American people for the strong and immediate support India has provided us at the time of the events of September 11.

Many of our colleagues do not realize, Mr. Speaker, that India also lost over 200 of its own citizens in the dreadful attack on the World Trade Center. As a matter of fact, while this terrible terrorist act was a first for us, I think it is important for all of us to understand that some of our democratic friends and allies have been subjected to terrorist attacks for many years. Our democratic friend, India, and our democratic friend, the State of Israel, have been subjected to terrorism for over half a century. Following our tragic event on September 11, on October 7 terrorists attacked the Parliament House in Kashmir claiming the lives of scores of innocent Indian citizens.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to realize that today we have the pleasure of welcoming to our Congress the Prime Minister of the largest democracy on the face of this planet. There are 1 billion people in India, Mr. Speaker. Many were doubtful years ago that a society, at that time quite poor, in many ways undeveloped, could maintain a political democracy. There was a lot of skepticism as to whether you could have a viable political democracy with 1 billion people of enormous ethnic variety and with hundreds of millions of those people living in abject poverty.

India has proven the pessimists wrong. India today is the fourth largest economy on the face of this planet, and it is the largest political democracy on this planet. Political elections unfold, governments change peacefully, as they do here in the United States.

A great deal has been made in recent times, since September 11, of our building a global coalition against international terrorism; and we all support the effort of the President, the Secretary of State and others to move along these lines. But I think it is important to realize that some Members of this coalition share our values. India is one of them.

Not all members of the coalition are built on the same set of democratic values that our society is built on and India's society is built on. For many, this coalition is just a marriage of convenience. With respect to India, it is a marriage based on shared and common values of pluralism, respect for minorities, freedom of religion, political privileges of voting, freedom of press,