

name conferees for an omnibus trade bill, which I would expect to schedule next week as well; and the Speaker further advises me that, in consultation with the minority leader, he expects to bring a resolution to the floor related to the establishment of a select committee on homeland security.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the distinguished majority leader. I have some further questions.

On what days will the following be scheduled: the appointment of the fast track conferees? trade promotion authority conferees?

Mr. ARMEY. I expect that would probably happen on Tuesday.

Ms. PELOSI. And then the Monument Fairness Act, Mr. Leader?

Mr. ARMEY. Wednesday.

Ms. PELOSI. And airport towers legislation?

Mr. ARMEY. That would be Wednesday as well.

Ms. PELOSI. And pension reform?

Mr. ARMEY. That would be Thursday.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Leader, are there definitely going to be votes next Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentlewoman's inquiry. As the week is shaping up, the kind of work we see coming available to us, I think we should have to expect to be here for votes on Friday of next week.

Ms. PELOSI. I appreciate that. I do have one other question. I unfortunately do not see on the schedule a date for the prescription drug legislation to be scheduled. I have been hearing over and over that it is coming up soon, it is coming up soon. As you know, Mr. Leader, the need is great. We have been hearing that the majority is going to schedule this legislation for months. We need a real Medicare benefit that protects our seniors from the huge cost of prescription drugs. Every day is important to them. I would like to ask the majority leader what the plan is for bringing a prescription drug benefit under Medicare to the floor.

Mr. ARMEY. Again I want to thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry.

The gentlewoman from California, Mr. Speaker, is exactly right. This is indeed very important to so many citizens in America, and we have two committees that are working on it and working with one another, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. I am told that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has already scheduled a markup for next week and have every reason to expect the bill to be on the floor before we retire to our districts for the July 4th work period.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's information.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002

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 (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 17, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, 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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the unanimous will of this body that every father in America have a glorious Father's Day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the majority leader.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution that would express support for President George W. Bush's withdrawal of the United States from the 1972 Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty. Today marks the conclusion of the 6-month notification of the withdrawal from the ABM Treaty by the United States.

My legislation reaffirms that the United States' national security has fundamentally changed since 1972. Not only do the Russians and Chinese have ballistic missile arsenals that are capable of reaching the United States, but so do a growing number of countries

that are hostile to the United States' interests, such as North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

This resolution simply says that the Congress supports the decision by the President to withdraw the United States from the ABM Treaty in accordance with article 15 of the treaty. It also states that Congress supports efforts to provide for the establishment of a robust layered missile defense system to protect the United States and its allies.

Very frankly, the United States faces new and complex threats. September 11, 2001, showed the new threats to our national security and the potential threats we face by more than 32 countries that are working on ballistic missile development. The new threats involve states with considerably fewer missiles with less accuracy, yield, reliability and range. However, emerging ballistic missile systems can potentially kill tens of thousands, or even millions, of Americans, depending on the warhead and intended target.

I believe we cannot allow these countries to use ballistic missiles as instruments of blackmail against the United States and its allies. The way we can and must defend our homeland is through the development of a layered missile defense system, a layered system that would violate the terms of the ABM Treaty.

Clearly, the day has come to withdraw from this dated and ineffective document that was created more than 30 years ago during a different time and under different conditions than those that face our national security today.

I would also like to submit the following sponsors: The gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), the gentleman from Florida (Mr. JEFF MILLER), the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HOSTETTLER), the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT), the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2114, NATIONAL MONUMENT FAIRNESS ACT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, today a Dear Colleague was sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of June 17 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 2114, the National Monument Fairness Act. The bill was ordered reported by the Committee on Resources on March 20 and the committee report was filed on April 15.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in

the Capitol no later than 12 noon this coming Tuesday, June 18. Amendments should be drafted to the text of H.R. 2114 as ordered reported by the Committee on Resources.

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.

CELEBRATING THE 227TH BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. ARMY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow will mark the 227th birthday of the United States Army, the most powerful ground force the world has ever known. Since June 14, 1775, the Army has always been prepared for defense of freedom and democracy. Today, our brave soldiers are on the front lines defending the American people in the war on terrorism.

As we recognize and celebrate the Army's birthday and reflect on this great institution, a simple truth arises: one of the world's greatest professions is the Profession of Arms, and one of the greatest callings is theirs, serving our Nation. Thanks to American soldiers, freedom's light shines as a beacon throughout the world.

Just yesterday, we were reminded of the dangers these men and women have volunteered to accept, as we learned of three American military that died in a plane crash. These are not only soldiers fighting on some distant soil, they are sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers. The courage and dedication of those who serve so honorably in the United States Army, Active, Guard and Reserve, is an inspiration to us all.

SECURING OUR HOMELAND

(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, as my colleague from South Carolina has just chosen to recognize the 227th anniversary of the United States Army, I think it is important for us to note that President Bush has come forward with a very important proposal.

We saw, as the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) mentioned, the tragic loss of life in this war on terrorism that has just taken place, and we continue to see this struggle move forward. Just yesterday the President made it very clear in his statement, we are in the midst of a war on terrorism, and that war has been brought to our homeland.

The President has, I believe, come forward with an extraordinarily bold proposal. That proposal is designed to

ensure that the Federal Government, working in concert with State and local governments, is in a position to secure our homeland. For the first time, we have seen men and women in uniform now fighting international conflicts, not simply as men and women wearing military uniforms. We have seen firefighters and law enforcement officers on the front line in this struggle.

The President's proposal for homeland security and establishing a new Department is a right one; and I hope very much that we are going to do the right thing, be careful about it, but do it just as expeditiously as possible.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HON. ROGER F. WICKER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KELLER) laid before the House the following communication from Harold "Bubba" Lollar, District Director of the Honorable ROGER F. WICKER, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Lee County Youth Court, Tupelo, Mississippi.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,
HAROLD "BUBBA" LOLLAR,
District Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF HON. GARY A. CONDIT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Mike Lynch, Chief of Staff of the Honorable GARY A. CONDIT, Member of Congress:

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
House of Representatives, June 11, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

MIKE LYNCH,
Chief of Staff.

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.

MEDAL OF HONOR FOR SERGEANT GARY MCKIDDY

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation fights a war overseas, we once again see firsthand how the loss of a loved one to war affects family members and friends and those who are left behind.

Over 30 years ago, too many families went through the experience of losing a loved one to the Vietnam War. One such family was that of Gary McKiddy. Sergeant McKiddy was a helicopter crew chief and gunner with the 1st Cavalry Division of the Army during the Vietnam War. He volunteered for the Army when he was just 19 years of age and specifically requested that he join his country's soldiers in Vietnam.

Gary quickly earned the deepest respect of his fellow crewmen for the patriotism that he showed as he went into battle and the courage with which he fought. Gary won his first medal on his first mission, and he continued to serve in this courageous and honorable way until his death. Gary McKiddy had a reputation among his fellow men for rising to any challenge and putting loyalty and honor at the heart of his service. One man who served alongside Gary once called him a credit to his country and one of the finest men he had ever met and served with in the Army.

Prior to his death he was awarded the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for heroism, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Aircraft Crewman Badge, and the Marksman Badge for his many heroic actions.

Yet his most courageous act came in Cambodia on May 6, 1970, when his helicopter came under intense enemy fire, receiving several damaging hits that ultimately caused the helicopter to crash. Gary McKiddy was thrown from the aircraft, but he immediately returned to rescue a co-pilot, Specialist Four James R. Skaggs, taking him to safety and saving his life.

Despite intense heat and flames and tremendous risk to his life, Gary then returned to the helicopter a second time and attempted to save the pilot. Tragically, the helicopter's fuel tank then exploded and both the pilot and Gary were killed. Sergeant Gary McKiddy was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Good Conduct Medal for his actions that fateful day. There is no doubt that his bravery and self-sacrifice earned him this recognition; yet he was denied the Medal of Honor.

I feel very strongly, Mr. Speaker, that Sergeant McKiddy should receive the Medal of Honor for all his heroic actions and particularly for his selfless rescue of Specialist Skaggs and his courageous attempt to rescue his pilot.