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Mr. DEFAZIO and Mrs. CLAYTON changed their vote from “no” to “aye.” So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall votes numbered 246, 247, and 248 because I was traveling with the President of the United States and other members of the Florida delegation. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 246, “no” on rollcall No. 247, and “aye” on rollcall No. 248.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes Nos. 246–248 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been here I would have voted “no” on rollcall votes No. 246 and 247, “aye” on rollcall vote No. 248.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the subject of H.R. 4931, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4645

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor from H.R. 4645.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring about next week's schedule.

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

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California 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 Monday, June 24, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour, and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business.

I will schedule a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices later today. Recorded votes on Monday will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, I have scheduled the following measures for consideration of the House: H.R. 4954, the Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act of 2002; the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2003; and the Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2003.

Mr. Speaker, conferees are also working hard to complete work on the President's emergency defense and homeland security supplemental, and I hope to schedule that conference report next week, as well.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the schedule. I am just seeking a little more precision. On what day will H.R. 4954, the Prescription Drug Act of 2002, be scheduled?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. I know the Committee on Energy and Commerce worked long and hard on that last night and early this morning; and we believe that that being the case, we should have the bill on the floor Wednesday of next week.

Ms. PELOSI. Wednesday of next week. In relationship to fast track, will the House appoint conferees next week on the trade promotion act?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman again for her inquiry. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, we are hopeful that we will be able to do that next week. Obviously, we want to make sure that we have a parity in the House and Senate position with respect to the full scope of trade issues; and if we can have a rule passed that makes that possible, then we ought to be able to get to work on that in conference next week.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I ask the gentleman, will the rule be the same one as reported from the Committee on Rules this week?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for the inquiry. I must say that that is under consideration. I will be in touch with the chairman of the Committee on Rules and make sure that if he has any news to share with us, we all get it as soon as possible.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman. Continuing, Mr. Speaker, the leader said that the conferees are working hard to complete the President's emergency defense and homeland security supplemental. I had some questions on that conference.

As the gentleman may recall, Democrats were united in opposing another increase in our Nation's borrowing

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Green (TX)
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NOT VOTING—57

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limit when this bill was considered in the House. We believe it is time to sit down and work in a bipartisan way to fix our Nation's budget.

Is the gentleman's leadership planning another increase in the debt limit without a separate vote on the House floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, obviously, the emergency supplemental is very important to the Nation's ability to respond to the threat of terrorism across the globe. We want to move that as soon as possible.

There is a relationship between our ability to actually acquire the funds for the purpose of the emergency supplemental and the necessary increase in the debt limit. We have the two connected and are prepared to resolve that.

By the same token, the Senate, the other body, has passed an increase in the debt limit of \$450 billion as a freestanding piece of legislation. Should we have the votes to pass that, we would be more than happy to bring their freestanding bill to the floor. It is my estimation it is of utmost importance that we move that as quickly as possible; and indeed, even while I myself have grave hopes and ambitions regarding how we might reform the budget process, but that is not something that I can see being done effectively in the short run, while both the emergency supplemental and the debt limit increase are imperatives in the immediate short run.

Ms. PELOSI. This issue is of such grave importance to our country that I would hope that we would have an open debate on the subject and not have it treated the way the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), treated it when he said, Do you expect us to have a vote on every single item that we deal with in the Congress? And yes, when it comes to raising the debt limit, that would be the case, especially when it raids Social Security.

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

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I ask my friend, the gentleman from Texas, for clarification to see if I understood what I think I heard him say, that he meant to say regarding the debt ceiling: that we do have a crisis that has been ascertained by the Secretary of the Treasury; that June 28 seems to be the last day that they can juggle the books without us doing what we are supposed to do, and that is, raise the debt ceiling, June 28.

I believe I heard the gentleman say that it would be his hope that he could add it to the supplemental so that there would not be an up-and-down clean vote on it; but if that were not able to be done, then he would entertain the possibility of bringing the

Senate clean bill of \$450 billion to the floor for an up-and-down vote.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, it seems to me at this point most expeditious for us to hope to have the debt limit increase in the emergency supplemental. In this instance, we would be able to pass it.

My concern is not over in what venue the vote is taken. My concern is in what venue the vote will pass. I believe it would be an unnecessary and undesirable impact on the confidence of the American financial markets for us to in any way bring a debt limit increase to the floor and not pass it, and I am reluctant to do so.

If, on the other hand, I have heard the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) correctly, it seems to me that I may have found a new ray of hope. Because we have a certain number of Members of our own conference who are not willing to vote for the freestanding \$450 billion increase in the debt limit, we would need some votes from the other side of the aisle.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) has an association with a fairly large number of Members on his side of the aisle who perhaps might be rallied to that vote, in which case we could combine our electoral resources and bring the resolution of the Senate to the floor, pass it, and have this matter resolved, which would, I think, be a favorable resolution for all of the Nation.

If the gentleman would give me that assurance, I would certainly feel encouraged to take the Senate-passed measure to the floor.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I like the spirit of optimism that my friend, the gentleman from Texas, has taken. I would encourage him to look at the letter that a large number of Democrats have sent to the Speaker offering a considerable number of votes for a clean debt ceiling next week in order that we might avert a crisis and send unnecessary signals to the marketplace.

What we ask in return is not a blank check, but that we have a debt ceiling, and we revisit our budget in September when we come back after we have seen the reestimates.

As the gentleman knows, we are now currently estimating that the deficit this year is going to go over \$200 billion. That is after we have used all the Social Security trust fund, all the Medicare, all the civil service, all the military retirement fund.

I would hope the gentleman would agree and would accept the hand that is coming from this side of the aisle from the minority leader as well as the Blue Dogs of saying that we are ready to work with the gentleman in that endeavor, and I hope he puts that as a third option.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentlewoman from California would continue to yield, I will look for every avenue possible to make a reasonable increase in the debt ceiling that allows us to con-

duct the Nation's business with as little political consideration and interference as possible; and in that regard, I will reconsider the gentleman's letter. I thank the gentleman for his kind offer.

Ms. PELOSI. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER).

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, if I heard correctly, the gentleman is the majority leader of this body. Am I correct on that?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentlewoman from California will continue to yield, I am more than happy to remind the gentleman that that is the case.

Mr. FILNER. The majority means that the gentleman has the responsibility of setting the agenda and running this floor. As I understood what the gentleman just said, he does not have a majority on his side to raise the debt limit.

I want to know, where is the responsibility for the governing party to do what is necessary for this Nation?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, I thank the gentleman for his inquiry, and promise the gentleman that I will give his inquiry every bit of consideration that it deserves.

Mr. FILNER. I know the gentleman always does.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I have concern about another bill, the AmeriCorps bill.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend, the gentlewoman from California, for yielding to me.

In the distinguished majority leader's comments about outlining the calendar for next week, he did not mention this bipartisan initiative that has been reported out of the Committee on Education and the Workforce with overwhelming bipartisan support to support the increase of the President of the United States in both volunteers and resources for AmeriCorps.

We know that we have been very busy the last couple of weeks naming post offices, but we would hope that maybe next week we could get to AmeriCorps and do one of the bipartisan priorities and one of the President's priorities.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. Let me just say parenthetically, it is my fond hope that there may be a time in the near future when I observe the behavior of this House as it names a post office after the gentleman himself. So this is, of course, we believe, an important business.

But the bill with respect to which the gentleman raises his inquiry is an important bill. The committee of jurisdiction has just reported the bill just the past few days. I will be speaking with the chairman about it; and I am sorry to report I have no scheduling announcement to make at this time, but

I do appreciate the gentleman's interest and inquiry.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, does the majority leader think this is a priority for the House, since it is a priority of the President of the United States, to report this bipartisan bill to the entire House?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I appreciate the gentleman's inquiry. I would remind the gentleman that this majority leader has routinely, over the past several years, scheduled things for consideration in the House that he himself did not believe were a priority.

Mr. ROEMER. I thank the majority leader. I appreciate his comment about getting a post office named after me. I would rather have the AmeriCorps bill on the floor. I hope the gentleman from Texas gets a post office or two named after him, since he is bowing out this year.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I just have one final question of the majority leader about the schedule. I understand for Members' benefit that we will be coming in and voting after 6:30 p.m. on Monday and that we will be going through the week. Are there definitely going to be votes next Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I want to thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. If she will continue to yield, I think it is prudent for all Members to be prepared to work through Friday.

At this time I have no expectation of any work in the ensuing weekend; but certainly, we should be prepared to be here working Friday. There are two very important appropriations bills, defense and military construction, to be begun on Thursday and to be completed before we complete business on Friday.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, can we assure Members that adjournment will be 2 o'clock on Friday, or will continue later than that?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentlewoman for the inquiry. I am, unfortunately, not able to give Members that assurance at this time.

Ms. PELOSI. Did I hear an assurance in the gentleman's voice that we would not go through the weekend? Is our schedule contingent upon completion of the work, or the calendar?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate what the gentlewoman's inquiry is. At this time, I have no reason to anticipate any work beyond Friday of next week.

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, even if the agenda that the gentleman set forth is not finished?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentlewoman's inquiry. We all have our July 4 district work periods. We are all anxious to have time with our constituents, and we will work with our committee and floor managers to expedite everybody's ability to get home to do that important work and spend that important time with their families.

Ms. PELOSI. Yes, indeed, very important time, the birth of our country, Independence Day.

So I thank the gentleman very much for responding to these questions.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 24, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 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.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-231)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 21, 2002.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY IN WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-232)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a Notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed Notice, stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 25, 2002, to the *Federal Register* for publication.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 21, 2002.

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.

REVISIONS TO ALLOCATION FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, Section 221 of H. Con. Res. 83, and Section 231 of H. Con. Res. 353, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to