

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 259, 260 and 261, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all 3 measures.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed recorded votes on Wednesday, June 26, 2002. I would like the RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: On passage of H.R. 4598, rollcall vote No. 258, I would have voted "yea"; on passage of H.R. 4477, rollcall vote No. 259, I would have voted "yea"; on passage of H.R. 4070, rollcall vote No. 260, I would have voted "yea"; on approval of the Journal, rollcall vote No. 261, I would have voted "yea".

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, in a few minutes we are going to ask that the House recess until approximately 2 p.m. When we return from that recess, we should return to consider, one, the rule to go to conference on the Omnibus Trade Act; two, motion to instruct conferees on trade, if it is offered; and then, three, the suspension votes that have been rolled from last Tuesday. After the completion of that work, then we would have completed our work for the day.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I would like to have an inquiry about schedule and about the substance of the rule that will be coming to the floor.

Mr. Leader, is this the identical rule, or is the gentleman planning to amend it on the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. Indeed, it is the identical rule we had reported last week.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, and with all due respect to the majority leader and his capacity, I hope that he will convey to the Republican leadership the displeasure of the Members in the minority, and really I think we speak on behalf of the American people when we say that the work that we do on this floor is very important. The public needs notice as to what we are doing.

A schedule was put forth that we would have votes this morning so that we could notify Members who are doing their work in their committees. That was turned upside down. Now we come to the floor and the majority is asking for a recess to take up the very important issue of trade promotion within an hour.

We are coming back in an hour. Is that what the gentleman said, at 2 p.m., in 55 minutes? In a matter of minutes we are now notifying Members

that the majority wants to bring the rule on the trade promotion to the floor, turning upside down the schedule for the rest of the day. It is not just the minority that is disserved by this unprofessional approach to our schedule. It is the general public and those who follow with interest and have public opinion about the work of Congress in the people's House.

So if the gentleman would convey the displeasure of the minority in the manner in which this important issue is being treated and how this schedule has turned into such a haphazard arrangement at will, with no consultation, about these very important issues.

Now we are going to have a vote on fast track. Could the gentleman shed some light as to when the majority may bring up the prescription drug benefit bill?

Mr. ARMEY. Well, I thank the gentlewoman for that inquiry, and let me say to the gentlewoman that I do appreciate the concerns she has raised. I spent 10 years in the minority, and there were many times during those 10 years that I too, without better understanding, was concerned about whether or not the schedule was done in a professional and considerate manner. I learned to accept that the majority was doing the best they could, many times under difficult circumstances, and that I should be patient and understanding.

Upon accepting these responsibilities, I have always concerned myself that the minority should have these feelings. And it is for that reason that I made it a point at the close of business last week, in my colloquy, to advise the body, the minority in particular, that we would be trying to bring this bill to the floor, and stipulated at that time we would do so whenever we were able to do so.

We are now able to do so, and I am happy to see us move on. I will try my very, very best to not disappoint the gentlewoman from California in the future.

Ms. PELOSI. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I had a question about the prescription drug bill.

Mr. ARMEY. I will be happy to continue to yield.

Ms. PELOSI. When does the gentleman think the prescription drug legislation will be coming to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentlewoman's inquiry. I see no sign that we will be able to do that yet today; but as soon as we are capable of bringing that bill to the floor, we will let the minority know.

Ms. PELOSI. The debt limit?

Mr. ARMEY. On the debt limit, I again renew my invitation to Members of the minority to join with us in passing this very important increase in the debt limit so that we can indeed deal with even the important supplemental bill.

The Senate has passed Senator DASCHLE's bill. It would strike me that

this body ought to be able to pick up Senator DASCHLE's bill, passed in the Senate, and pass it in the House, with a generous number of Members of the minority willing to vote for the Senate majority leader's own bill. But so far I have seen no indication that the minority Members of this body are willing to vote in agreement with the Democrat majority leader from the other body. Therefore, I cannot make an announcement about our ability to bring his bill forward.

Ms. PELOSI. Is one to infer from what the gentleman has said that the majority would be willing to bring up a freestanding bill with some discussion about what the amount would be for the debt limit, including the \$150 billion that the minority has been suggesting?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentlewoman's question, and let me just say to the gentlewoman that one should infer from what I said that any serious suggestion or recommendation will be considered. At this point, I believe that the Senate majority leader's passed bill is a serious proposition. We would be happy to consider that if Members of the minority would indicate their willingness to vote with Senator DASCHLE on this matter.

Ms. PELOSI. Well, our distinguished minority leader has made an offer to the Republican majority.

On the supplemental, do we know when that will be coming up?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I am pleased to announce that the conferees on the supplemental have found a way back to the table to discuss that. I have been advised by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations that he has a renewed optimism on this matter.

It is my hope that that optimism gets worked out even during this next hour, when they can sit down together. Nothing would please me more than to be able to announce later, even perhaps to the inconvenience and surprise of some Members, that we are prepared to bring that very important conference report to the floor.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman continue to yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I will be happy to continue to yield to the gentlewoman.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the information that the gentleman has been willing to provide.

I think it is important for both sides of the aisle to remember that the legislation and the issues that we are dealing with are not our private personal property. The American people expect and should demand more transparency than what is happening in this House.

What is happening in this House is we are moving to a much less democratic way of discussing the issues. I am not speaking to what the gentleman experienced 8 years ago, because the gentleman knows that when the Republican majority came in, part of the Contract on America was to close down debate on this floor; to

eliminate many options available for debate for the minority. So this is yet again another example.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentlewoman for her comments and remind the body that indeed the Contract With America was to bring to this floor for debate and to vote on this floor 10 items that were disallowed by the prior majority.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 2 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 45, nays 378, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 262]

YEAS—45

Ackerman	Filner	Olver
Berry	Hastings (FL)	Pelosi
Bishop	Hilliard	Sanchez
Bonior	Hinchee	Sanders
Brown (FL)	Hoyer	Sandlin
Capuano	Istook	Simmons
Clay	Jackson (IL)	Stupak
Conyers	Johnson, E. B.	Thompson (MS)
Cummings	Jones (OH)	Thune
DeFazio	McDermott	Towns
Dicks	McGovern	Velazquez
Dingell	Meek (FL)	Waters
Doggett	Mink	Watson (CA)
Evans	Moran (VA)	Waxman
Farr	Napolitano	Wynn

NAYS—378

Abercrombie	Baker	Bass
Aderholt	Baldacci	Becerra
Akin	Baldwin	Bentsen
Allen	Ballenger	Bereuter
Andrews	Barcia	Berkley
Arney	Barr	Berman
Baca	Barrett	Biggert
Bachus	Bartlett	Bilirakis
Baird	Barton	Blagojevich

Blumenauer	Goss	McCrery
Blunt	Graham	McHugh
Boehlert	Granger	McInnis
Boehner	Graves	McIntyre
Bonilla	Green (TX)	McKeon
Bono	Green (WI)	McKinney
Boozman	Greenwood	McNulty
Borski	Grucci	Meehan
Boswell	Gutierrez	Meeks (NY)
Boucher	Gutknecht	Menendez
Boyd	Hall (OH)	Mica
Brady (PA)	Hall (TX)	Millender-
Brady (TX)	Hansen	McDonald
Brown (OH)	Harman	Miller, Dan
Brown (SC)	Hart	Miller, Gary
Bryant	Hastings (WA)	Miller, George
Burr	Hayes	Miller, Jeff
Burton	Hayworth	Mollohan
Buyer	Hefley	Moore
Callahan	Herger	Moran (KS)
Calvert	Hill	Morella
Camp	Hilleary	Murtha
Cannon	Hinojosa	Myrick
Cantor	Hobson	Nadler
Capito	Hoeffel	Neal
Capps	Hoekstra	Nethercutt
Cardin	Holden	Ney
Carson (IN)	Holt	Northup
Carson (OK)	Honda	Norwood
Castle	Hookey	Nussle
Chabot	Horn	Oberstar
Chambliss	Hostettler	Ortiz
Clement	Houghton	Osborne
Clyburn	Hulshof	Ose
Coble	Hunter	Otter
Collins	Hyde	Owens
Combest	Inslee	Oxley
Condit	Isakson	Pallone
Cooksey	Israel	Pascarell
Costello	Issa	Pastor
Cox	Jackson-Lee	Paul
Coyne	(TX)	Payne
Cramer	Jefferson	Pence
Crane	Jenkins	Peterson (MN)
Crenshaw	John	Peterson (PA)
Crowley	Johnson (CT)	Petri
Cubin	Johnson (IL)	Phelps
Culberson	Johnson, Sam	Pickering
Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Pitts
Davis (CA)	Kanjorski	Platts
Davis (FL)	Kaptur	Pombo
Davis (IL)	Keller	Pomeroy
Davis, Jo Ann	Kelly	Portman
Davis, Tom	Kennedy (MN)	Price (NC)
Deal	Kennedy (RI)	Pryce (OH)
DeGette	Kerns	Putnam
Delahunt	Kildee	Quinn
DeLauro	Kilpatrick	Radanovich
DeLay	Kind (WI)	Rahall
DeMint	King (NY)	Ramstad
Deutsch	Kingston	Rangel
Diaz-Balart	Kirk	Regula
Dooley	Klecza	Rehberg
Doollittle	Knollenberg	Reyes
Dreier	Kolbe	Reynolds
Duncan	Kucinich	Rivers
Dunn	LaHood	Rodriguez
Edwards	Lampson	Roemer
Ehlers	Langevin	Rogers (KY)
Ehrlich	Lantos	Rogers (MI)
Emerson	Larsen (WA)	Rohrabacher
Engel	Larson (CT)	Ros-Lehtinen
English	Latham	Ross
Eshoo	LaTourette	Rothman
Etheridge	Leach	Roybal-Allard
Everett	Lee	Royce
Fattah	Levin	Rush
Ferguson	Lewis (CA)	Ryan (WI)
Flake	Lewis (GA)	Ryun (KS)
Fletcher	Lewis (KY)	Sabo
Foley	Linder	Sawyer
Forbes	Lipinski	Saxton
Ford	LoBiondo	Schaffer
Fossella	Lofgren	Schakowsky
Frank	Lowe	Schiff
Frelinghuysen	Lucas (KY)	Schrock
Frost	Lucas (OK)	Scott
Gallegly	Luther	Sensenbrenner
Ganske	Lynch	Serrano
Gekas	Maloney (CT)	Sessions
Gephardt	Maloney (NY)	Shadegg
Gibbons	Manzullo	Shaw
Gilchrest	Markey	Shays
Gillmor	Mascara	Sherman
Gilman	Matheson	Sherwood
Gonzalez	Matsui	Shimkus
Goode	McCarthy (MO)	Shows
Goodlatte	McCarthy (NY)	Shuster
Gordon	McCollum	Simpson

Skeen	Tanner	Vitter
Skelton	Tauscher	Walden
Slaughtner	Tauzin	Walsh
Smith (NJ)	Taylor (MS)	Wamp
Smith (TX)	Taylor (NC)	Watkins (OK)
Smith (WA)	Terry	Watt (NC)
Snyder	Thomas	Weiner
Solis	Thompson (CA)	Weldon (FL)
Souder	Thornberry	Weldon (PA)
Spratt	Thurman	Weller
Stark	Tiahrt	Wexler
Stearns	Tiberi	Whitfield
Stenholm	Tierney	Wicker
Strickland	Toomey	Wilson (NM)
Stump	Turner	Wilson (SC)
Sullivan	Udall (CO)	Woolsey
Sununu	Udall (NM)	Wu
Sweeney	Upton	Young (FL)
Tancred	Visclosky	

NOT VOTING—11

Clayton	Riley	Watts (OK)
Doyle	Roukema	Wolf
LaFalce	Smith (MI)	Young (AK)
Obeys	Trafigant	

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Ms. BERKLEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Messrs. JONES of North Carolina, BARTLETT of Maryland, KANJORSKI, SHADEGG, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio and Mr. BOOZMAN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3009, ANDEAN TRADE PROMOTION AND DRUG ERADICATION ACT

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 450 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 450

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, be, and the same is hereby, taken from the Speaker's table to the end that the Senate amendment thereto be, and the same is hereby, agreed to with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The House shall be considered to have insisted on its amendment to the Senate amendment and requested a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. REYNOLDS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 450 is a functional rule relating to the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3009 extending