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, roll-call 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, roll-call 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 adiourn.

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

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Bishop	Hilliard	Sanchez
Bonior	Hinchey	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)
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Baca	Barrett	Biggert	
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Baird	Barton	Blagojevich	

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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 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 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