

Meek (FL)	Rehberg	Stark
Meeks (NY)	Reyes	Stearns
Menendez	Reynolds	Stenholm
Mica	Rivers	Strickland
Millender-	Rodriguez	Stump
McDonald	Roemer	Stupak
Miller, Dan	Rogers (KY)	Sununu
Miller, George	Rogers (MI)	Sweeney
Miller, Jeff	Rohrabacher	Tancredo
Mollohan	Ros-Lehtinen	Tanner
Moore	Ross	Tauscher
Morella	Rothman	Tauzin
Myrick	Royce	Taylor (MS)
Neal	Rush	Taylor (NC)
Nethercutt	Ryan (WI)	Terry
Ney	Ryun (KS)	Thompson (CA)
Northup	Sabo	Thompson (MS)
Norwood	Sanchez	Thornberry
Nussle	Sanders	Thune
Oberstar	Sandlin	Tiahrt
Olver	Sawyer	Tiberi
Osborne	Saxton	Tierney
Ose	Schaffer	Toomey
Otter	Schakowsky	Towns
Owens	Schiff	Turner
Pallone	Schrock	Udall (CO)
Pascarell	Scott	Udall (NM)
Pastor	Sensenbrenner	Upton
Payne	Serrano	Velazquez
Pelosi	Shadegg	Visclosky
Pence	Shaw	Walden
Peterson (MN)	Shays	Walsh
Peterson (PA)	Sherman	Wamp
Petri	Shimkus	Watson (CA)
Phelps	Shows	Watt (NC)
Pickering	Shuster	Watts (OK)
Pitts	Simmons	Waxman
Platts	Simpson	Weiner
Pombo	Skeen	Weldon (PA)
Pomeroy	Skelton	Wexler
Portman	Slaughter	Whitfield
Price (NC)	Smith (MI)	Wicker
Pryce (OH)	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (NM)
Putnam	Smith (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Rahall	Smith (WA)	Wolf
Ramstad	Snyder	Wynn
Rangel	Souder	Young (FL)
Regula	Spratt	

NAYS—3

Flake	Moran (KS)	Paul
-------	------------	------

NOT VOTING—60

Barton	Hinchey	Oxley
Becerra	Hinojosa	Quinn
Berman	Hooley	Radanovich
Blagojevich	Hyde	Riley
Blumenauer	Jones (NC)	Roukema
Bonilla	Kind (WI)	Roybal-Allard
Bonior	Largent	Sessions
Bono	Lewis (GA)	Sherwood
Boucher	Lewis (KY)	Solis
Burton	Luther	Thomas
Clay	Manzullo	Thurman
Collins	McCarthy (MO)	Trafigant
Cubin	Miller, Gary	Vitter
Davis (IL)	Mink	Waters
Doyle	Moran (VA)	Watkins (OK)
Everett	Murtha	Weldon (FL)
Fletcher	Nadler	Weller
Frank	Napolitano	Woolsey
Galleghy	Obey	Wu
Hastert	Ortiz	Young (AK)

□ 1122

So the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 4 on S. 1762 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 4, S. 1762, to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today, January 24, due to family considerations, I unfortunately was not present for a rollcall vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 4, S. 1762, to establish

fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers.

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 4, S. 1762, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders, and for other purposes. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcalls 2, 3, and 4.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, Due to a family health emergency, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 1–4 on Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24. Had I been present, I would have voted "present" on rollcalls vote 1, and "yea" on rollcall votes 2–4.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I could not be in both Bakersfield and Washington, DC on January 23, and January 24. I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 2234, and S. 1762.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, January 23, 2002, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall votes Nos. 1, 2, and 3 during the consideration of H.R. 700, a bill to authorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act, and H.R. 2234, the Tumacacori National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act. Please let the RECORD reflect that had I been present I would have voted "aye" for rollcall Votes Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

On Thursday, January 24, 2002, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall vote No. 4, on passage S. 1762, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders, and for other purposes. Please let the RECORD reflect that had I been present I would have voted "aye" for rollcall Vote No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for next week, I am pleased to yield to the distinguished majority leader to respond.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California for the chance to respond, and if I might preface my response by saying how very pleased I am to see the gentlewoman from California at the podium today performing her official duties as whip for the Democratic side of the aisle.

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, January 29, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 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.

On Tuesday, recorded votes are expected promptly at 5 p.m. in order to provide time for a security sweep of the House Chamber. The House will meet in joint session with the Senate at 9 p.m. to receive a State of the Union Address from President George W. Bush.

On Wednesday, and the balance of the week, no votes are expected in the House.

I want to thank the distinguished minority whip for yielding to me.

Ms. PELOSI. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his presentation of the schedule and for his kind welcoming remarks. I want to in turn say that I congratulate him on his decision and wish him well. We still have a year to go and look forward to working with him during that time.

And "work" is the word. Do I understand that the only legislative business next week will be on Tuesday, with votes at 5 p.m.?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, she is correct, and this is a very important point. We will have the votes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday next in order for the security sweep in preparation of the President's address. This is a departure from our normal proceedings, as many Members know.

So as the gentlewoman from California correctly points out, we need Members to be aware that it is a 5 p.m. vote time on Tuesday next.

Ms. PELOSI. Well, we all are awaiting with great optimism the address of the President of the United States in the State of the Union on Tuesday. And I understand the votes are at 5 p.m., but there will be no legislative business on Wednesday or for the rest of the week next week?

Mr. ARMEY. No. Thanks again for the inquiry, but that is correct.

Ms. PELOSI. Do we not have any work to do?

Mr. ARMEY. There is no work to do.

Ms. PELOSI. We seem to have some challenges in our country, and I would hope we would use all the time available to us to do that.

I thank the gentleman for advising us of the schedule.

THANKING COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR GENEROUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGARDING RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a moment to thank the

gentlewoman from California for her kind words. I have had so many people from the other side of the aisle speak so kindly to me on my decision to retire from Congress that I could not resist taking a moment to say that at last I finally have made a decision that is a source of great pleasure to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, and I want to thank them for their generous acknowledgment of that.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002, TO TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, January 25, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2002 for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). 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.

REQUESTING IT BE THE WILL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA- TIVES THAT THE ST. LOUIS RAMS BE VICTORIOUS ON SUN- DAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the will of this body that the St. Louis Rams have a glorious victory on Sunday next.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). 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.

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON, DC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as the only Member who never has to leave Washington, I want to welcome my colleagues back to Washington, my hometown and your second home.

I was very gratified to note that the White House reopened White House tours to children just a few days ago. This follows a meeting I arranged between White House officials and D.C. leaders where I suggested that D.C. schoolchildren be allowed to view the White House Christmas tree decorations. Now the White House has seen to it that all children will be able to go into the White House.

I suggested at that time that the public could come in if they only left their Social Security numbers the way people have to anyway before they go into the White House. Now the children will leave their Social Security numbers. Let us hope the White House follows with the general public. I am very gratified for what they have already done for children.

These may seem small matters, but, my colleagues, what it does is to signal to the country that if the Capitol is open the country is open as well. The President has made an important ad to visit America, that Americans should do their business. It is important for people to travel, particularly now during a recession, and the more the District of Columbia seems open, the most visible city in the country, the more people will follow the President's advice and go out to their own places and help us get out of this recession by getting on planes.

Members and staff will soon receive a "Dear Colleague" from me about an event I am hosting on Tuesday, February 12, called "Ask Me About Washington," to acquaint them with tourist attractions and amenities in D.C. so they can advise their own constituents who come here.

□ 1130

Mr. Speaker, this is an election year. It is time to welcome our constituents back to Washington. Members need to transmit that the District is the safest city in the United States, precisely because it is the Nation's Capital.

The war is winding down. The President has said, absolutely correctly, terrorist threats will be with us for many years to come. It is time to get constituents used to traveling, particularly now, and coming back to Washington. Members and staff will learn how to advise constituents of where to go at my Ask Me About Washington event on Tuesday, February 12.

The economy is down. The way to get it up is for people to do what President Bush has indicated, go out and see the sites, but above all come and see Members of Congress. Look at the gallery. The galleries have been empty because Americans are not traveling. They are not traveling to Members' home States or the Capital.

That is bad news for people running for office, and it is bad news for our country when people are not flooding into the Capital to find out what to do about the issues that concern them most, especially during an election year. When constituents come, they

need to know what to see in Washington. When they come, they need to know that everything is still open to the public, notwithstanding the barricades. This is an open city because this is an open country.

CONGRESS BIDS FAREWELL TO SIX OUTSTANDING PAGES

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, as the delegate from the District of Columbia welcomes us back, she is also going to say good-bye to six residents. I would like to have Lindsey Beck, Matthew Dinusson, Ashley Gallo, Jennifer Hsieh, Gregory Hyde, and Zachary Stanton come on down here. Grab some seats in the front row.

Mr. Speaker, as the chairman of the House Page Board, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize these six outstanding pages that are departing today. This year's page class is a remarkable group of students. They came to Washington full of ambition and promise. Little did they know, nor did their friends and colleagues in the back, that they would be witness to such tragic events in history. Far from their families and friends, and so new to Washington that homesickness barely had a chance to ease, this page class refused to let fear chase them away from their dreams of working with Congress. They relied on each other, and on the day-to-day tasks before them; and they knew in their hearts they were working toward a common goal shared by all of us, to prove to our enemies that the American spirit cannot be extinguished. The courage, determination, and sense of purpose shown by this class and their colleagues in the back set an example for us all. They have proven that adversity does build strength and that the human spirit is resolute when it is tested.

Mr. Speaker, not only did this group carry on their work as pages, but they did so with enthusiasm, excitement, and as I found out, in good humor, which at such moments in history is kind of hard to do. There is no question that this class has made us very proud. This class is a credit to their families, their communities, and to the page program.

The six who are leaving today will be returning home on Saturday. They leave here with our thanks and congratulations. We share in their joy of being reunited with their families and share in their sadness of saying good-bye; but this group probably will not miss those 6:15 breakfasts we have all endured.

Mr. Speaker, these pages have left their own indelible mark on the page program, and I want them to know that their shoes will be hard to fill. As they return home with suitcases and boxes, memories and experiences, I