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Mr. HALL of Texas and Mr. WYNN changed their vote from "aye" to "no." So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. Speaker. I was detained on Thursday, October 3, 2002, and missed rollcall votes Nos. 440 and 441. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 440 and "no" on rollcall No. 441

I request that my statement appear in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON INTELLIGENCE H.R. 4628, AU-THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4628) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Goss, BE-REUTER, CASTLE, BOEHLERT, GIBBONS, LAHOOD, CUNNINGHAM, HOEKSTRA, BURR of North Carolina, CHAMBLISS, EVER-ETT, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. HAR-MAN, and Messrs. CONDIT, ROEMER,

HASTINGS of Florida, REYES, BOSWELL, PETERSON of Minnesota, and CRAMER.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Messrs. STUMP. HUNTER, and SKEL-TON

There was no objection.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I may not have heard properly, but that list did not exactly conform to the list I submitted, and I want to make sure we remove any doubt.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk properly read the list which was submitted by the Speaker. The Chair will take the gentleman's comments under advisement and make further adjustments in the future as needed.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL MID-NIGHT, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002 TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4628, INTELLIGENCE AU-THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL **YEAR 2003**

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers may have until midnight on Monday, October 7, 2002, to file the conference report on the bill (H.R. 4628) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

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

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 yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for next week.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentlewoman's indulgence, and I appreciate her yielding on the schedule.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce the House has completed its legislative business for the week. No votes are expected in the House tomorrow in order to allow Members to attend the funeral service for the Honorable Patsy Mink, our former colleague from the State of Hawaii.

The House will meet for legislative business on Monday, October 7, at 9:30 a.m. for morning hour and 11 a.m. for legislative business. The majority leader will schedule a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to the Members' offices tomorrow. Recorded votes on Monday will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

For Tuesday and the balance of the week, the majority leader has scheduled the following measures for consideration in the House: first, H.J. Res. 114, providing authorization for the use of military force against Iraq; second, a continuing resolution; and, third, H.R. 2037, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Additionally, I am advised that conference reports may be brought up at any time during the week.

I thank the gentlewoman for yield-ing.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for that information. I thank and hope he will convey the gratitude of the Members of the House who wish to attend the funeral of our dear friend and colleague, Congresswoman Patsy Mink, in Hawaii. I thank the Speaker and our distinguished minority leader for accommodating the request and making that possible.

I had some questions about the schedule. On the question of the Iraq debate, issues of war and peace are the most important decisions we make. In 1991, every Member was given the opportunity to speak for 5 minutes. What is the thinking of about how much debate we will have on this important resolution?

I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. PORTMAN. I appreciate the gentlewoman yielding, and I thank her for her inquiry. As the gentlewoman knows, we are working closely with the minority leader both on substance and process. The Committee on International Relations is currently marking up the resolution. It is my understanding that the majority leader and the Speaker and the minority leader would intend to have ample time for a full and fair debate on that critical issue, as the gentlewoman says, of war and peace. But I know that there has been no decision made vet on time. nor has the Committee on Rules met to consider the rule.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. Is the gentleman prepared to inform us whether alternatives will be allowed to the President's proposal?

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, again, no decision has been made. We do not yet have the resolution out of the Committee on International Relations. It is my understanding that by 5 p.m. tomorrow Members are asked to submit possible amendments or substitutes to the Committee on Rules; and again, we then would be in a position to know better what the possibility is of the substitute or amendments. But we have nothing to announce definitively at this point.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman have any knowledge of the plans for next Friday? Will the House be in session?

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, again, if the gentlewoman will yield, there is no decision yet made as to whether we will be in session on Friday. I think from talking to the majority leader that it really depends on conference reports. We have the possibility of a conference report, for instance, on energy; and I know the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) is here, and there is the possibility of conference reports on DOD and military construction appropriations, and other conference reports, including election reform, that may be before the House.

So Members should be advised that it is possible that we would be in next Friday considering conference reports.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

What is the gentleman's latest prediction from the leadership on his side on when the House will adjourn before the election, and do you believe we will return for a lame duck session?

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, again, I have nothing to announce definitively. I wish for my own personal purposes that I did. as I am sure all Members are eager to know that. But it will depend obviously on the work we can get done here in the next week and, more importantly, in the Senate. There are a number of matters that the House would like to take up. The Speaker has made it clear, for instance, that we should complete work on the homeland security bill that would provide for the new creation of the Department of Homeland Security, but that bill is currently in the Senate. So I suppose the answer would be nothing definitive at this point, but we are waiting to hear from the Senate.

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Ms. PELOSI. On a final note, I would say, Mr. Speaker, that we have eight appropriations bills still to consider, including the very important one dealing with education, our number one national priority; also, the appropriation bills that deal with veterans, medical care, transportation, and agriculture.

In addition, this House urgently needs to address our worsening economy. One and one-half million workers have exhausted unemployment benefits, jobless claims are the highest since May, pension plans are eroding on a daily basis, and health care is not being addressed. We need to bring these substantive issues to the floor. We must not leave for this election without addressing these urgent needs.

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

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) this question.

I note that another continuing resolution is being scheduled, sort of like Groundhog Day. We just finished one today. The purpose of continuing resolutions is to give us time to do our other business.

Given that fact, can the gentleman tell me, are there any plans for the majority to bring the agriculture appropriations bill before us any time soon?

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, I know of no plans to bring the agriculture appropriations bill to the floor.

As the gentleman knows better than I, the committee is working not only on that appropriation bill, but others. We still find ourselves with an interesting situation, with the Senate not having passed a budget and not having some of the fiscal discipline and parameters we need to move forward.

But we have no information on the agriculture appropriations bill at this point.

Mr. OBEY. If the gentlewoman will yield further, with all due respect, Mr. Speaker, nothing is required of the Senate for us to do our work.

I assume that there are no plans to bring the District of Columbia appropriations bill out; the labor, health, education bill out; the foreign operations bill out, which has some crucial funding for Afghanistan and other areas; the transportation and the energy and water bills.

So am I to conclude, therefore, that despite the fact that we are passing a continuing resolution, we are not going to use that time to do any of our other regular appropriations work?

Mr. PORTMAN. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, just again to make the point that we do have a busy week next week, and with the possibility of the Department of Defense appropriations bill and the military construction appropriations bills out of conference coming before the House, but that is the schedule for the week as we know it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, let me indicate that I am reaching the point where I am becoming highly reluctant to support any other continuing resolutions of a week or longer in nature because they do not seem to be affording us or they do not seem to be providing any pressure for us to pass our regular appropriation bills.

I think it is probably about time that we start thinking about having 1-day continuing resolutions in order to put maximum pressure on this House to perform. I thank the gentlewoman for her time.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman for his valuable contribution, and I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) for the information on the schedule.

Mr. Speaker, I think that every day that goes by, this body appears to be more irrelevant to the concerns of the American people. The jobless rate is increasing, employment insurance is exhausted, we have not funded the education bill, and there are so many issues that we must deal with that are immediate concerns to the lives of America's working families.

This House has to provide leadership and stop making up excuses for not doing the people's business.