

RECOGNIZING MORE THAN 5 DECADES OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 364.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. HARRIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 364, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 71]

YEAS—408

Abercrombie	Chabot	Gephardt
Ackerman	Chandler	Gerlach
Aderholt	Chocola	Gibbons
Akin	Clay	Gilchrest
Alexander	Clyburn	Gillmor
Allen	Coble	Gingrey
Andrews	Cole	Gonzalez
Baca	Collins	Goode
Bachus	Cooper	Goodlatte
Baird	Costello	Gordon
Baker	Cox	Goss
Baldwin	Cramer	Granger
Ballance	Crane	Graves
Ballenger	Crenshaw	Green (TX)
Barrett (SC)	Crowley	Green (WI)
Bartlett (MD)	Cubin	Greenwood
Barton (TX)	Cummings	Grijalva
Bass	Cunningham	Gutierrez
Beauprez	Davis (CA)	Gutknecht
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Hall
Bell	Davis (TN)	Harris
Bereuter	Davis, Jo Ann	Hart
Berkley	Davis, Tom	Hastings (FL)
Berman	DeFazio	Hastings (WA)
Berry	DeGette	Hayes
Biggart	Delahunt	Hayworth
Bilirakis	DeLauro	Hefley
Bishop (GA)	DeLay	Hensarling
Bishop (NY)	DeMint	Herger
Bishop (UT)	Deutsch	Hill
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hinojosa
Blunt	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hobson
Boehrlert	Dicks	Hoeffel
Bonilla	Dingell	Hoekstra
Bonner	Doggett	Holden
Bono	Dooley (CA)	Holt
Boozman	Doolittle	Honda
Boswell	Doyle	Hookey (OR)
Boucher	Dreier	Houghton
Boyd	Duncan	Hoyer
Bradley (NH)	Dunn	Hulshof
Brady (PA)	Edwards	Hunter
Brady (TX)	Ehlers	Hyde
Brown (OH)	Emanuel	Inslee
Brown (SC)	Emerson	Isakson
Brown, Corrine	Engel	Israel
Brown-Waite,	English	Issa
Ginny	Eshoo	Istook
Burgess	Etheridge	Jackson (IL)
Burns	Evans	Jefferson
Burr	Everett	Jenkins
Burton (IN)	Farr	Johnson (CT)
Buyer	Fattah	Johnson (IL)
Calvert	Feeney	Johnson, E. B.
Camp	Ferguson	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Filner	Jones (NC)
Cantor	Flake	Jones (OH)
Capito	Foley	Kanjorski
Capps	Forbes	Kaptur
Capuano	Ford	Keller
Cardin	Fossella	Kelly
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Kennedy (MN)
Carson (IN)	Franks (AZ)	Kennedy (RI)
Carson (OK)	Frelinghuysen	Kildee
Carter	Frost	Kilpatrick
Case	Gallegly	Kind
Castle	Garrett (NJ)	King (IA)

King (NY)	Neal (MA)	Schrock
Kingston	Nethercutt	Scott (GA)
Kirk	Neugebauer	Scott (VA)
Klecicka	Ney	Sensenbrenner
Kline	Northup	Serrano
Knollenberg	Norwood	Sessions
Kolbe	Nunes	Shadegg
LaHood	Nussle	Shaw
Lampson	Oberstar	Shays
Langevin	Obey	Sherman
Lantos	Olver	Sherwood
Larsen (WA)	Ortiz	Shuster
Larson (CT)	Osborne	Simmons
Latham	Ose	Simpson
LaTourette	Otter	Skelton
Leach	Owens	Slaughter
Lee	Oxley	Smith (MI)
Levin	Pallone	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (CA)	Pascrell	Smith (TX)
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Snyder
Lewis (KY)	Paul	Solis
Linder	Payne	Souder
Lipinski	Pearce	Spratt
LoBiondo	Pelosi	Stearns
Lofgren	Pence	Stenholm
Lowey	Peterson (MN)	Strickland
Lucas (KY)	Peterson (PA)	Stupak
Lucas (OK)	Petri	Sullivan
Lynch	Pickering	Sweeney
Majette	Pitts	Tancredo
Maloney	Platts	Tanner
Manzullo	Pombo	Tauscher
Markey	Pomeroy	Taylor (MS)
Marshall	Porter	Taylor (NC)
Matheson	Portman	Thomas
Matsui	Price (NC)	Thompson (CA)
McCarthy (MO)	Pryce (OH)	Thompson (MS)
McCarthy (NY)	Putnam	Thornberry
McCollum	Quinn	Tiahrt
McCotter	Rahall	Tierney
McCreary	Ramstad	Towns
McDermott	Rangel	Turner (OH)
McGovern	Regula	Turner (TX)
McHugh	Rehberg	Udall (CO)
McInnis	Renzi	Udall (NM)
McIntyre	Reyes	Upton
McKeon	Reynolds	Van Hollen
McNulty	Rodriguez	Visclosky
Meehan	Rogers (AL)	Vitter
Meek (FL)	Rogers (KY)	Walden (OR)
Meeks (NY)	Rohrabacher	Walsh
Menendez	Ros-Lehtinen	Wamp
Mica	Ross	Waters
Michaud	Rothman	Watson
Millender	Roybal-Allard	Watt
McDonald	Royce	Waxman
Miller (FL)	Ruppersberger	Weiner
Miller (MI)	Rush	Weldon (FL)
Miller (NC)	Ryan (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Miller, Gary	Ryan (WI)	Weller
Mollohan	Ryun (KS)	Wexler
Moore	Sabo	Wicker
Moran (KS)	Sánchez, Linda	Wilson (NM)
Moran (VA)	T.	Wilson (SC)
Murphy	Sanchez, Loretta	Wolf
Murtha	Sanders	Woolsey
Musgrave	Sandlin	Wu
Myrick	Saxton	Wynn
Nadler	Schakowsky	Young (AK)
Napolitano	Schiff	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—25

Blackburn	Hostettler	Smith (WA)
Boehner	Jackson-Lee	Stark
Conyers	(TX)	Tauzin
Culberson	John	Terry
Davis (AL)	Kucinich	Tiberi
Davis (FL)	Miller, George	Toomey
Deal (GA)	Radanovich	Velázquez
Harman	Rogers (MI)	Whitfield
Hinchee	Shimkus	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1428

So (two thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the distinguished majority leader, for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule for the coming week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland, the distinguished whip, for yielding to me, and I will try to be brief as I am sure my friend is anxious to get back to watch the end of the Terps game.

Mr. HOYER. He is right.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of this week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will convene at 10 a.m. We plan to consider the budget resolution for fiscal year 2005. We would hope to complete several hours of general debate on Wednesday before moving into the amendment process on Thursday.

And, finally, I would like to note for all the Members, and they should take note, that we are making a change to the schedule that was sent to offices at the beginning of the year. We do not plan to have votes next Friday, March 26.

I thank the gentleman for yielding and would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information. There are, of course, so many things which disappoint us when the majority leader announces them; but that is not one of them, I assure him.

I appreciate the majority leader's advice that Wednesday and Thursday we will be considering the budget, obviously one of the most important policy documents that we consider. And it appears from his announcement that there will be substantial time on Wednesday and substantial time on Thursday, I presume, for a full and fair debate on the underlying proposal that will be reported out of the committee, as well as such substitutes as may be made in order. Is that correct?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I really anticipate next week's process to resemble years past. I do not want to presuppose what the Committee on Rules would do, but I would think that we would likely have an extended general debate in the neighborhood of 4 or 5 hours.

□ 1430

In addition, the Committee on Rules could and will likely make in order

multiple substitutes, and assuming that they are legitimate budget resolutions, and we will have a very vigorous debate.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I think that is very important for the House and for the American people, and we look forward to that discussion and the substitutes. As the gentleman knows, we will have the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT), our ranking member, who will have a substitute. I expect the Black Caucus to have a substitute, and perhaps there will be some other substitutes as well. Certainly the Blue Dogs will have a substitute, all of which I think, in the gentleman's understanding of it, would be very substantive budget resolution proposals, and we anticipate them being made in order so we can debate each of those as well.

Mr. Speaker, one of the other aspects, as the majority leader knows, there has been a lot of discussion about enforcement mechanisms. We believe on this side of the aisle that enforcement mechanisms are critically important if we are going to get to balance at some time in the future, which is our objective and I think the gentleman's objective as well.

Can the gentleman tell me when and in what form enforcement mechanisms will be brought to the floor? I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. Obviously, the Committee on the Budget passed out a budget mechanism that will be considered by the Committee on Rules. I have no idea at this point in time when we could schedule such a thing. There are a lot of Members on our side and the gentleman's side that want to participate in this process that have a lot of good ideas. I think this issue needs to ripen a bit. The Committee on Rules claims some jurisdiction in this regard and they want to look at and mark up their own bill.

This is a process that actually just got started yesterday by the Committee on the Budget marking up a bill and moving it out of their committee, so I really cannot say. I do not know when is the earliest. We have a pretty full schedule next week and the following week and then, as the gentleman knows, we break for the spring district work period. But it is vitally important, everybody wants to bring fiscal discipline to the budget process and show that this House can have fiscal responsibility, and we think that is an important bill and we will bring it to the floor as soon as it is ready.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his response. I would observe that, clearly, enforcement mechanisms we believe are critically important as we consider the budget in the mid-2005 budget, but also the outyears as well, whether we use a 5-year or 10-year budget analysis.

Without enforcement mechanisms, obviously, we really do not know what

we are doing. We can say we are doing something, but without enforcement mechanisms to make sure that, in fact, we are controlling spending, controlling revenues, controlling entitlements, we do not have really a budget that is meaningful and enforceable. So we are hopeful that that will come relatively soon.

We would like to do it contemporaneously, but I understand what the gentleman is saying; the Committee on Rules wants to consider that. The Senate I think considered that contemporaneously and, of course, there are some in this country who have made it very clear that an enforcement mechanism that impacts on both spending and on revenues was the only kind of enforcement that would really be meaningful. I know there is a difference of opinion among people on that issue, but we think that needs to be debated fairly soon and fairly proximate to close the consideration of the budget.

Mr. Leader, my last question would be, if the gentleman knows, and I notice we have a member of the Committee on Rules on the floor, when will substitutes need to be filed, if the gentleman knows; or can the gentleman inform us when substitutes will need to be filed?

Mr. DELAY. As soon as we can get back to the Terps game, I think the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is going to stand up and announce when they should be filed.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, in a world of priorities, the gentleman just got mine.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2005

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 22 to grant a rule which would limit the amendment process for the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in Room H-312 of the Capitol, no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23. As in past years, the Committee on Rules intends to give priority to amendments offered as complete substitutes.

Members are advised that the text of the concurrent resolution, as ordered, reported by the Committee on the Budget, should be available on the Web sites of both the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Rules on Friday, March 19.

Mr. Speaker, Members should use the Office of Legislative Council and the Congressional Budget Office to make

sure that their substitute amendments are properly drafted and scored, and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the Rules of the House.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at noon on Monday, March 22, 2004.

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

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 22, 2004, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, for morning hour debate.

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. DELAY. 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.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

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

There was no objection.