

Putnam	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt
Radanovich	Serrano	Tiberi
Rahall	Shadegg	Tierney
Ramstad	Shaw	Toomey
Regula	Shays	Towns
Rehberg	Sherman	Turner (TX)
Renzi	Sherwood	Udall (CO)
Reynolds	Shimkus	Udall (NM)
Rodriguez	Shuster	Upton
Rogers (AL)	Simmons	Van Hollen
Rogers (KY)	Simpson	Velázquez
Rogers (MI)	Skelton	Visclosky
Rohrabacher	Slaughter	Walden (OR)
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (NJ)	Walsh
Ross	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Rothman	Smith (WA)	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Snyder	Watson
Royce	Solis	Watt
Ruppersberger	Souder	Waxman
Rush	Spratt	Weiner
Ryan (OH)	Stearns	Weldon (FL)
Ryan (WI)	Stenholm	Weldon (PA)
Ryun (KS)	Strickland	Weller
Sabo	Stupak	Wexler
Sánchez, Linda	Sweeney	Whitfield
T.	Tancred	Wicker
Sánchez, Loretta	Tauscher	Wilson (NM)
Sanders	Taylor (MS)	Wilson (SC)
Sandlin	Taylor (NC)	Wolf
Saxton	Terry	Woolsey
Schakowsky	Thomas	Wu
Schiff	Thompson (CA)	Wynn
Scott (GA)	Thompson (MS)	Young (AK)
Scott (VA)	Thornberry	Young (FL)

NAYS—2

Gutknecht Kline

NOT VOTING—57

Abercrombie	Feeney	McCarthy (MO)
Ackerman	Ford	McInnis
Alexander	Gephardt	Meehan
Bass	Gillmor	Moran (VA)
Berry	Hall	Murtha
Biggart	Harris	Obey
Bonner	Hinche	Pelosi
Boyd	Hinojosa	Quinn
Buyer	Holden	Rangel
Carson (OK)	Hulshof	Reyes
Clay	Isakson	Schrock
Cox	Jefferson	Sessions
Davis (TN)	Jones (NC)	Smith (MI)
Deal (GA)	LaHood	Stark
Dooley (CA)	Leach	Sullivan
Doyle	Lipinski	Tanner
Engel	Lowey	Tauzin
Evans	Lucas (KY)	Turner (OH)
Everett	Marshall	Vitter

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1829

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 93, on H.R. 3095, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 93, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1997. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 3550, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight, Monday, March 29, 2004, to file a report to accompany the bill, H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the Committee on International Relations: MARCH 22, 2004.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker, House of Representatives, H-232 The Capitol, Washington, D.C.

MR. SPEAKER: It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as a member of the Committee on International Relations. I am proud of our achievements on the committee and I will continue to be involved in matters of foreign policy. Unfortunately, I am writing you today to let you know I will be giving up my seat on this committee.

Effective March 26, I hereby resign from the Committee on International Relations.

Sincerely,

CHRIS BELL.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of asking the majority leader the schedule for the week to come.

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

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, next week the House will convene on Monday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules, and 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, the House will convene at 12 p.m. We plan to consider additional measures under suspension of the rules, as well as H.R. 3966, the ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act. Next week we also expect to consider H.R. 3550, the TEA-LU highway bill.

Finally, I would like to remind all Members that next week is a full 5-day work week. We may work some late nights as we work to complete these important pieces of legislation. I am happy to answer any questions.

□ 1830

Mr. HOYER. I thank the majority leader for the information.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, on the highway reauthorization bill, can the majority leader give us some view? I see the chairman of the Committee on Rules is on the floor. Can the gentleman from Texas give us some view of the rule under which the majority contemplates consideration of the highway bill?

Mr. DELAY. While I would defer to the Committee on Rules who should have an announcement regarding amendments very shortly, I anticipate that they would make in order a variety of amendments and call for a very lengthy debate.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. Obviously this is a very important bill. I think most of us believe it is very important to pass this bill.

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

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

Mr. DREIER. The distinguished majority leader is correct that we do hope to have a wide-ranging debate. I would just like to say that the announcement that I will make in just a few moments when the colloquy is completed will be calling for a structured rule, and what I wanted to say is that we have had a tradition in the past for consideration of these transportation authorization bills of a structured rule which has made in order a certain number of amendments. I just wanted to say, under both Democratic and Republican majorities, that has been the pattern. I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the chairman for his comments. I understand the background. As long, obviously, as we do have, within the structured rule, an opportunity to debate different points of view, that will be, I think, helpful to all the Members.

The gentleman from Texas did not mention in his initial discussion of the schedule whether or not there was any plan, at least on Monday, to do anything with respect to going to conference on the budget or instructions. Can we assume from that that there will be no action on the budget going to conference, at least on Monday night?

Mr. DELAY. I appreciate the gentleman reminding me. The gentleman knows, of course, that the other body has already passed their version of the budget resolution; and in working with the other body, I really anticipate moving to go to conference on the budget as early as Monday afternoon of next week.

Mr. HOYER. I am going to go back. There will be no votes until 6:30 on Monday.

Mr. DELAY. That is correct.

Mr. HOYER. I had asked the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) whether or not he contemplated any action on Monday. He indicated that he had not. Subsequently, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) have talked, but I do not know whether the gentleman from South Carolina knows that at this point in time. Do we know whether they have really made a decision on that? I know the gentleman hopes to do that, but would it be fair to believe that this matter is still under consideration, or is the gentleman positive that there will be action on Monday afternoon?

Mr. DELAY. All I can tell the gentleman is what I know and what I have been advised of. I have been advised that the Budget Committee, at least the House, and the conference committee wanted to start meeting as early as Tuesday morning. In order for that to happen, we would have to go to conference Monday evening.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, let me correct for the record because I was in error, it is my understanding that Mr. Kahn has been told, who is our chief clerk on the Budget Committee. I am sure that the gentleman from South Carolina now knows. I thank the leader for his comment. I wanted to clarify that, that we have received, apparently, notice.

Is it the majority leader's thought in light of the fact that we will be leaving next Friday for a 2-week break, district work period, that the conference report will be returned to the House next week? Would it be the gentleman's expectation that we might take up the conference report next week?

Mr. DELAY. Certainly we would like to reach an agreement with the Senate prior to our district work period. For that reason, Members really should anticipate a very long workweek next week, because we would want to give the House and Senate negotiators all the time that they need in order to hopefully get this done and passed by both Houses before we leave next week. I know that is asking a lot of Members, but it would be nice if we could get the budget done before we break for the district work period.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comments. One additional, and I think final, item, the continuity of Congress challenge that we have has been discussed. There are obviously a number of different proposals, including constitutional amendments, as well as legislative action, as well as rules considerations. We have heard on this side there may be something happening next week. The gentleman did not mention it in his announcement. Can he tell us whether or not there is any possibility of having that matter on the floor next week.

Mr. DELAY. I appreciate the gentleman asking about the continuity in Congress bill. We had it sort of waiting

in the wings, but it looks like next week is going to be a pretty full week, and we may have to look for another time to bring that bill to the floor.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

Reclaiming my time, I think we still have some work to do on that, hopefully in a bipartisan fashion. This is obviously a critical problem confronting the Congress and the American people. Hopefully, perhaps, we can reach some agreement on that. If we had some extra time, that might be possible.

Mr. DELAY. I want to congratulate the gentleman, because I know he has worked on it and others have. I have been very pleased with the bipartisanship that has been exhibited in working on this continuity of government bill. I am very pleased that it is coming along. I think we can continue to work together and come to some sort of solution to protect this House in case of some calamity.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for his comment.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004, for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). 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.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CON- SIDERATION OF H.R. 3966, ROTC AND MILITARY RECRUITER EQUAL ACCESS TO CAMPUS ACT OF 2004

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 29 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3966, the ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004. The Committee on Armed Services ordered the bill reported on March 17 and filed its report in House on March 23.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by 1 p.m. on Monday, March 29.

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Armed Services.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CON- SIDERATION OF H.R. 3550, TRANS- PORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEG- ACY FOR USERS

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 29 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3550, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered the bill reported on March 24.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30. Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which is available for their review on the Web sites of both the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as well as the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF ROBERT N. BROWN, COLUMBUS, INDIANA, NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today the city of Columbus, Indiana, bid farewell to one of its great sons, Robert N. Brown. Robert N. Brown was born 83 years ago in the city of Columbus. During the course of his lifetime, he was a publisher of newspapers, a founder of newspapers, a World War II veteran who went ashore on Omaha Beach on D-Day Plus 3, the proud father of four and grandfather to many, many more in our community. It was my privilege to offer the eulogy today at First Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana.

I rise today to offer my condolences to the family and to the community at his loss. May he and his family feel the peace of Christ in this time of loss.