

rollcall vote No. 195 on an amendment to H.R. 2361 to increase funding for Wildland Management by \$27,500,000, to increase funding for hazardous fuels reduction activities and to reduce funding for the National Endowment for the Arts—Grants and Administration by \$30 million; “yea” on rollcall vote No. 196 on an amendment to H.R. 2361 to prohibit the use of funds from being made available for the selling or slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros; “no” on rollcall vote No. 197 on an amendment to H.R. 2361 to reduce total appropriations in the bill by \$261,591,250; “yea” on rollcall vote No. 198 on the motion to recommit H.R. 2361 to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; and “no” on rollcall vote No. 199 on passage of H.R. 2361—Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 810

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the name of the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) be removed from a piece of legislation I have authored, H.R. 810.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Delaware? There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished majority leader for the purposes of inquiring of the schedule for the coming week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the distinguished minority whip yielding to me.

The House will convene on Monday 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 the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider several bills under a rule: H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005; H.R. 2419, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006; and H.R. 1815, the National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2006.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, we plan to consider the Military Quality of Life Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 sometime later in the week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for that information. If I could go through a couple of these bills. The defense authorization bill, Mr. Leader, do you expect at this point in time to have that on a particular day of the week? Do we know when that will be?

Mr. DELAY. While it is certainly subject to change, I would expect us to

consider the stem cell bill on Tuesday, followed on Tuesday by the energy and water bill. Hopefully, we could finish that bill by Tuesday night and start the DOD authorization bill on Wednesday and Thursday, if necessary, and complete the week with the military quality of life appropriations bill.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that response. With respect to the defense authorization bill, can you tell us now what kind of a rule might be applicable to the consideration of that bill?

Mr. DELAY. I would anticipate the same types of amendments being allowed that has been sort of tradition around here on the DOD authorization bill. The Rules Committee did make an announcement tonight about filing amendments in a timely fashion. Most of the amendments would be considered by the Rules Committee, but obviously it is too early to tell what the Rules Committee will finally do.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information and would ask that certainly the substantive Democratic amendments be made in order. This, obviously, is a very important bill, a large sum of money, critically important at a time when we are confronting terrorists in Iraq and around the world and our men and women are in harm's way. All of us want to make sure that we have our ideas on how we can best strengthen our efforts in that bill. So to the extent that the leader can prevail upon the Rules Committee to allow such amendments as Democratic Members and, for that matter, Republican Members want to offer, I think that would be in the best interests of full consideration.

Mr. Leader, the stem cell research legislation you indicate will be on Tuesday. It is my understanding that that bill will be brought to the floor and that it will not be subject to amendment; it will be considered as reported out of committee. Is that accurate?

Mr. DELAY. We are working with your side on a unanimous-consent request to bring the bill up even without a rule. Hopefully, we can agree to a lengthy debate. This issue is so important for an up-and-down vote. Hopefully, we could have a full and open debate on this very important issue. And it will be hopefully done under a unanimous-consent request that will be worked out with your side, probably on Monday.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader. I know that our leader and your office are working on that unanimous consent and the parameters of the consideration of, as you point out, a very, very important bill. There are obviously different points of view on the legislation.

I know we are going to be meeting Monday night and going to come in early Tuesday. Would you have a thought as to when, because of the importance of this bill, our Members want to be sure that they are here, as I am

sure yours do as well, what time of day you would expect to be considering that piece of legislation?

Mr. DELAY. In working with the minority leader's office and your office, there have been requests to accommodate some Members and start this debate early in the afternoon instead of early in the morning. I would, along with the unanimous-consent request, anticipate us working out an agreeable time, and I would expect after discussions already being held that we would anticipate the debate to start on that bill somewhere early in the afternoon and running for the length of time agreed to by both sides.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for that information and appreciate his working with Leader PELOSI in determining that, because this is important. I think all Members will want to make sure that that time frame in which it will be considered, they will be available to be on the floor or be watching the floor debate with the ability to come to the floor to offer their thoughts. I thank the gentleman for that information.

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will yield, I want to reemphasize, we are trying to work out with your side as lengthy a debate as necessary to have a full and important debate. Even though we would discourage any amendments to this very important issue, we would want to have opportunities for every Member to participate in the debate. So we would work out with your side enough time so that we can thoroughly debate this issue.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for that observation. The happy circumstance is we both certainly agree on this procedure, that it needs to have a thorough airing and debate and discussion. There are strong views on either side of this issue and quite obviously the consequences of this bill are very substantial. Whether it passes or whether it fails, the consequences are substantial. So we appreciate the fact that there will be significant time to discuss and debate this issue.

Mr. Leader, I have two items left. The Head Start reauthorization has now, as you know, been marked up by the committee. I know it is not coming next week, and we will be out the week after that for the Memorial Day work period. Can you tell me when you might expect the Head Start reauthorization bill to come to the floor?

Mr. DELAY. We do have a very, very full schedule over the next few weeks. As the gentleman knows and most of the Members know, the Appropriations Committee is trying their best to get all the appropriations bills out of the House before the July 4 break, so there is very little time between now and the Fourth of July to do other bills. We are considering the Head Start bill, but we do not have any immediate plans to consider the Head Start bill reauthorization and hope that we can get to it as soon as possible.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman and would hope that we could try to

move that as quickly as possible. Obviously, people will want to be planning for the next school year and next Head Start year.

Lastly, Mr. Leader, the highway bill. As we know, the highway bill is now more than 2 years overdue in terms of reauthorization, has been sitting for some period of time. The Senate has now passed that bill. Can you tell us when we might appoint conferees for the highway conference?

Mr. DELAY. As the gentleman knows, this House passed the highway bill some weeks ago and the Senate just finished the highway bill in their Chamber. We will probably have to consider some type of short-term extension next week, hopefully an agreed-to extension bill. And if the Senate requests a conference next week, I believe that the Speaker will be prepared to appoint House conferees next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for that observation and hopefully we can, in fact, move on that. We not only passed it last week but we passed it a number of times before that. Mr. Leader, I would simply observe on our side and, frankly, on your side that the Senate number is a number that I think our committee certainly and this House could well approve.

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I know the President does not like that number, but very frankly, as the gentleman knows, our own committee almost unanimously on voice vote passed out an authorization figure at, I think, 375, so \$80 billion more than the Senate-passed bill.

I would certainly hope that the Congress could exercise its will. The Senate was at 218. We were at 284. Now it is a little bit in between that. I would hope that we could move this conference as quickly as possible. It has been held up a long time and has a significant consequence for jobs, as the leader knows, significant consequence for contractors, States, municipalities, localities, and we have been a long time waiting for this passage that is now some 2 years late.

But I appreciate the leader's observation that we will appoint conferees next week, and hopefully perhaps the leader can help accelerate that conference so we can agree. And then the President, of course, will have to do what he thinks is best and make a determination, and then we might have a shocking event and he may veto a bill and send it back to us, and I am relatively confident we would work our will at that point in time.

I do not know whether the leader wants to make an observation.

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

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I would just say that the President has been criticized for not vetoing any bills over the last 4½ years, but it has become a

tradition around here to include the President as we do legislation through the House and the Senate and therefore working out any of our differences so that he would not have to veto a bill, and I do not see that the highway bill is any different than anything else we have been doing for the last 4½ years. So he is obviously a major player in this process.

The House, as the gentleman says, has expressed itself at a number. We think the President will sign the bill. The Senate has chosen to do otherwise. Hopefully, we can work this out in the conference committee so that the President will not have to mar his record by vetoing a bill.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I recall that Democrats, when they were in charge, had a slightly different perspective, believing we were a co-equal branch of the government. We would adopt our policies based upon what we believed to be in the best interests of this country, and that the President, as a co-equal branch of the government, would make his determination, and if we disagreed we would override his veto. As a matter of fact, I voted to override a number of vetoes that the previous Democratic President disagreed with us on.

The gentleman is right. We do not seem to do that. We have a 4½-year unblemished record, as the leader points out, of not doing anything that this President did not want us to do.

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

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's yielding to me.

I would just point out to the gentleman that in the good old days that he refers to, yes, this House had a great reputation for wanting to spend more money, and those days have changed in that the President is adamant about spending and spending the right amount of money to do the job and the House has concurred in that many times and have voted in the House. And it has been a pleasure to work with the President to hold down spending and make sure that every dollar is spent properly.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, does the gentleman by any chance remember the ag bill?

Mr. DELAY. Which ag bill?

Mr. HOYER. The ag bill that was passed some years ago. The President was not too excited about that spending level, as I recall. He signed the bill, nevertheless.

Mr. DELAY. He signed the bill.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have been here for some period of time, as the leader knows, and the only bill that Ronald Reagan vetoed that was overridden by the Congress was a bill in which he said we did not spend enough money in 1983. He vetoed it because we did not spend enough money.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005

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 next for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARCHANT). 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.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY PROTECTING DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR IRAQ—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-28)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication. This notice states that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as expended in scope by Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, modified in Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and further modified in Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on May 21, 2004 (60 FR 29409).

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held