

compared with 594 Public Laws. The 88th Congress passed 360 Private Laws compared with 666 Public Laws.

Under rule XXIV, clause six, the Private Calendar is called the first and third Tuesday of each month. The consideration of the Private Calendar bills on the first Tuesday is mandatory unless dispensed with by a two-thirds vote. On the third Tuesday, however, recognition for consideration of the Private Calendar is within the discretion of the Speaker and does not take precedence over other privileged business in the House.

On the first Tuesday of each month, after disposition of business on the Speaker's table for reference only, the Speaker directs the call of the Private Calendar. If a bill called is objected to by two or more Members, it is automatically recommitted to the Committee reporting it. No reservation of objection is entertained. Bills unobjected to are considered in the House in the Committee of the Whole.

On the third Tuesday of each month, the same procedure is followed with the exception that omnibus bills embodying bills previously rejected have preference and are in order regardless of objection.

Such omnibus bills are read by paragraph and no amendments are entertained except to strike out or reduce amounts or provide limitations. Matters so stricken out shall not be again included in an omnibus bill during that session. Debate is limited to motions allowable under the rule and does not admit motions to strike out the last word or reservation of objections. The rules prohibit the Speaker from recognizing Members for statements or for requests for unanimous consent for debate. Omnibus bills so passed are thereupon resolved in their component bills, which are engrossed separately and disposed of as if passed separately.

Private Calendar bills unfinished on one Tuesday go over to the next Tuesday on which such bills are in order and are considered before the call of bills subsequently on the calendar. Omnibus bills follow the same procedure and go over to the next Tuesday on which that class of business is again in order. When the previous question is ordered on a Private Calendar bill, the bill comes up for disposition on the next legislative day.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to describe to the newer Members the Official Objectors Committee, the system the House has established to deal with the great volume of Private Bills.

The Majority Leader and the Minority Reader each appoint three Members to serve as Private Calendar Objectors during a Congress. The Objectors are on the Floor ready to object to any Private Bill which they feel is objectionable for any reason. Seated near them to provide technical assistance are the majority and minority legislative clerks.

Should any Member have a doubt or question about a particular Private Bill, he or she can get assistance from objectors, their clerks, or from the Member who introduced the bill.

The great volume of private bills and the desire to have an opportunity to study them carefully before they are called on the Private Calendar has caused the six objectors to agree upon certain ground rules. The rules limit consideration of bills placed on the Private Calendar only shortly before the calendar is called. With this agreement, adopted on June 28, 2005, the Members of the Private

Calendar Objectors Committee have agreed that during the 109th Congress, they will consider only those bills which have been on the Private Calendar for a period of seven (7) days, excluding the day the bill is reported and the day the calendar is called. Reports must be available to the Objectors for three (3) calendar days.

It is agreed that the majority and minority clerks will not submit to the Objectors any bills which do not meet this requirement.

This policy will be strictly enforced except during the closing days of a session when the House rules are suspended.

This agreement was entered into by: The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT), the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FEENEY), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER), the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF), and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA).

I feel confident that I speak for my colleagues when I request all Members to enable us to give the necessary advance considerations to private bills by not asking that we depart from the above agreement unless absolutely necessary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. CORRINE BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ETHERIDGE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for June 27 and until 5:00 p.m. June 28 on account of official business.

Mr. HIGGINS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 5:00 p.m. on account of official business.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 1:00 p.m.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. CLYBURN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a BRAC hearing.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today from

10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today from 11:45 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on account of a BRAC hearing in his district.

Mr. DOOLITTLE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of illness.

Mr. KINGSTON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and June 29 until 1:00 p.m. on account of illness in the family.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GINGREY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COBLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, June 30.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, June 29.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HAYES, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 260. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program; to the Committee on Resources.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
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Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2470. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-119, "Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Board Expansion Amendment Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2471. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-102, "Board of Real Property Assessment and Appeals Reform Temporary Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2472. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-103, "Closing of Public Alleys in Squares 5579, S.O 04-10134, Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2473. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 16-101, "Adams Morgan Business Improvement District Temporary Amendment Act of 2005," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GUTKNECHT (for himself, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. FOXX, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. LATHAM):

H.R. 3081. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase the production and use of renewable fuel in the United States and to increase the energy independence of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. EVERETT):

H.R. 3082. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that 9 percent of procurement contracts entered into by the Department of Veterans Affairs be awarded to small business concerns owned by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REHBERG:

H.R. 3083. A bill to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BASS, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 3084. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue regulations requiring testing for steroids and other performance-enhancing substances for certain sports asso-

ciations engaged in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BOREN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. TANNER, Mr. FORD, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma):

H.R. 3085. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. DELAULO (for herself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. OWENS, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. STARK, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DICKS, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3086. A bill to reduce health care costs and promote improved health by providing supplemental grants for additional preventive health services for women; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GINGREY:

H.R. 3087. A bill to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOODE (for himself and Mr. BOUCHER):

H.R. 3088. A bill to provide mortgage payment assistance for certain employees who are separated from employment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HOBSON:

H.R. 3089. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1,3-bis(4-Aminophenoxy)benzene (RODA); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOBSON:

H.R. 3090. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Pyromellitic Dianhydride (PMDA); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOBSON:

H.R. 3091. A bill to extend temporarily the duty suspension on 4,4'-Oxydiphthalic Anhydride (ODPA); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOBSON:

H.R. 3092. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 4,4'-Oxydianiline (ODA); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOBSON:

H.R. 3093. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 3,3',4,4'-Biphenyltetracarboxylic Dianhydride (BPDA); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOYER:

H.R. 3094. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the fairness and accuracy of voter registration in elections for Federal office, establish a uniform standard for the treatment of provisional ballots cast at an incorrect polling place,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. PENCE, Mr. LINDER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 3095. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that wages paid to unauthorized aliens may not be deducted from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCDERMOTT (for himself, Ms. HART, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3096. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment under the Medicare Program for more frequent hemodialysis treatments; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PLATTS:

H.R. 3097. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, and Mr. CANTOR):

H.R. 3098. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TIERNEY (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. FARR, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLT, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KIND, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. STARK, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 3099. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MELANCON (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL of Texas):

H. Con. Res. 194. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the display of the Ten Commandments in public buildings does not violate the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.