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Walden (OR)
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Wilson (NM)
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Slaughter
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Van Hollen
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Thompson (CA)
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Buyer
Camp
DeLay
Gohmert
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Kind
Lynch
Ortiz
Poe
Smith (NJ)
Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to Hurricane Rita approaching the Texas Gulf Coast and the Houston area, I have been excused from today's proceedings.

I would like my positions regarding votes taken on H.R. 2123, the School Readiness Act, and amendments to this Act entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Let the RECORD reflect I would have voted the following way: Rollcall No. 486—"yes"; rollcall No. 487—"yes"; rollcall No. 488—"yes"; rollcall No. 489—"yes"; rollcall No. 490—"yes"; rollcall No. 491—"no"; and rollcall No. 492—"no."

I would also vote for final passage of H.R. 2123.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 22, 2005, I was not present to vote, on H.R. 2123, the School Readiness Act of 2005, as I was in my district making preparations for Hurricane Rita's landfall.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

The vote on final passage would have been a difficult one for me, but I would have ultimately been forced to vote against the bill. Using Federal funding to run a program should preclude that program from discriminating in hiring decisions. Our country has a strong tradition of religious freedom, and I cannot support a vote that chooses to ignore that. However, that should not diminish the fact that I remain a strong supporter of education and the Head Start program.

Additionally, as a Hispanic member of Congress, I recognize the importance of civil rights in our country. America has fought hard to rectify transgressions of the past, and to turn back that work is not a position I can endorse. H.R. 2123 unanimously passed out of committee—demonstrating clear bipartisanship and maintaining the longstanding civil rights provision which has been part of the Head Start program since 1972. It was designed to protect over 198,000 Head Start teachers and staff and over 1,450,000 parent volunteers from employment discrimination based on religion in federally-funded Head Start programs, and should not have been eroded.

Rollcall No. 478—"no"; rollcall No. 479—"yes"; rollcall No. 480—"yes"; rollcall No. 481—"yes"; rollcall No. 482—"yes"; rollcall No. 483—"yes"; rollcall No. 484—"yes"; rollcall No. 485—"yes"; rollcall No. 486—"no"; rollcall No. 487—"yes"; rollcall No. 488—"yes"; rollcall No. 489—"yes"; rollcall No. 490—"yes"; rollcall No. 491—"no"; rollcall No. 492—"no"; and rollcall No. 493—"no."

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, on September 22, 2005, I returned to my district to prepare for Hurricane Rita, which was projected to hit southwest Louisiana, and I was unable to be present during House consideration of H.R. 2123, "School Readiness Act of 2005." Consequently, I missed rollcall No. 488 on amendment No.ed 2 offered by Representative SOUDER, had I been present, I would have voted "nay." I also missed rollcall No. 489 on amendment No.ed 4 offered by Representatives STEARNS; had I been present, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 490 on amendment No.ed 5 offered by Representative DAVIS, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 491 on amendment No.ed 10 offered by Representative MUSGRAVE, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 492 on amendment No.ed 12 offered by Representative BOEHNER, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 493 on the passage of H.R. 2123, "School Readiness Act" I would have voted "aye."

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2123, SCHOOL READINESS ACT OF 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill (H.R. 2123), the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, citations, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary or appropriate to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2123.

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

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 3402, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2009

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3402, the Department of

Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009.

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 Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by noon on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary on July 27, 2005, which is expected to be filed with the House on Thursday, September 22. Members are also advised that the text should be available for their review on the Web sites of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Rules today.

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

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 3824, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3824, the Threatened and Endangered Species Act of 2005. The Committee on Resources is marking up H.R. 3824 today and is expected to file its report with the House early next week.

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 Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28. Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as ordered reported by the Committee on Resources, which should be available on the Web sites of the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Rules by 2 p.m. on Monday, September 26.

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.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the chief deputy whip for the purpose of ascertaining the schedule for the following week.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning

hour and at 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 Wednesday and Thursday, the House will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules as well as two measures under a rule: the Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005; and H.R. 3402, the Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chief deputy whip for that information.

If I could call the gentleman's attention to October. Clearly, the first two weeks in October, as we all know, have a number of holidays, including Columbus Day holiday, which have impacted the schedule. It has been announced that we will not have votes the second week of October; but we still do not have, as I understand it, a clear picture of the first week of October.

We have a number of Members from the west coast who indicate that they will not be able to travel on Wednesday. There has been some discussion about possibly meeting Thursday and Friday. Could the gentleman give me his thoughts or the thoughts of the majority with reference to that particular week, particularly as it relates to Wednesday which, as the gentleman probably knows as well as any of us, is a problem for some of our Members. I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding. We do plan to be in session that first week of October, the week of October 3, after the Rosh Hashana holiday. We would expect to have legislative business on both Thursday and Friday of that week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, let me ask the gentleman, if we are in session on Thursday, again, because many of our Members will not be able to travel on Wednesday, would I be correct in assuming that votes would be delayed until 6:30, as they usually are on a travel day? I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would just say to the gentleman that votes will be delayed until the Members have adequate time to return for those who live on the west coast.

Mr. HOYER. Would that be 6:30? I hate to press the point; but, obviously, Members, for purposes of planning and travel and reservations, need to have pretty precise knowledge of when they have to be back here for votes. I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I cannot tell my friend from Maryland that votes will be at 6:30. All I can say is there will be adequate time for folks on the west coast to be back here in Washington on Thursday for the votes that will be called. I would say further that we will be checking flights to ensure

that Members will be back in time for the votes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information and for that concern. I think that would be appropriate.

Might I suggest that by next week we have some more precise advice in terms of time so Members can plan accordingly.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentleman for that suggestion.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, there was thought that we might meet tomorrow; that is obviously not happening. It is my understanding Friday is on the schedule for next week. Can the gentleman tell me how likely it would be that Friday, while there for contingencies, the likelihood of our meeting on Friday? Does the gentleman have any thought on that? I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I would also note that the end of the fiscal year is next Friday. That looming date could lead to a flurry of appropriations activity; and, therefore, Members should expect the House to be in session next Friday.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, given that assumption, can the gentleman tell me when he would expect to have on the floor a continuing resolution, in light of the fact we clearly will not have passed most of the appropriations bills prior to the end of the fiscal year? I yield to my friend.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman that I do not believe that the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations has completed his consultations or made his decisions on the specifics of the legislation that we would need to pass next week to continue Federal programs after September 30, so I really cannot get into any more detail than that, because I do not think the chairman has completed his discussions.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, if am I to understand about the discussions then as to what would be in the CR, the advice I would have, for whatever it might be worth, is that we try to consider it prior to Friday, in light of the fact that Friday is the last day, and if a glitch occurs, for whatever reasons, I would hope that the majority would bring a CR to the floor either Wednesday or Thursday, so that if we have a problem that we may be able to deal with that either Thursday or Friday.

But if we have not considered it until Friday and a glitch occurs, we are going to be in a bad spot with reference to the end of the fiscal year and the lack of funding authority for many agencies at that point.

I do not know whether the gentleman wants to comment on that or not, but I yield to him if he does.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that suggestion, and it will be duly noted.