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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inquire of the majority leader or his designee about the schedule for next week for the House of Representatives.

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

Mr. ROEMER. I am delighted to yield to the majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I am pleased to announce we have concluded legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet on Monday, March 23rd, at 2 p.m. for a pro forma session. There will be no legislation considered and no votes on that day.

On Tuesday, March 24, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note we do not expect any recorded votes before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

We will consider the following bills under suspension of the rules on Tuesday:

H.R. 2843, the Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997; H.R. 3039, the Veterans Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; H.R. 3211, a Bill Regarding Eligibility Requirements for Burial in Arlington National Cemetery; H.R. 3213, a Bill to Clarify Enforcement of Veterans' Employment Rights; H.R. 3412, the Small Business Investment Company Technical Corrections Act of 1998; and H.R. 118, the Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997.

The House will also take up a bill on the Corrections Day Calendar, H.R. 3096, a Bill Relating to Termination of Benefits for Convicted Persons.

On Wednesday, March 25, and the balance of the week, the House will meet at 10 a.m. to consider the following legislation:

H.R. 2578, a Bill to Extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program; H.R. 2589, the Copyright Term Extension Act; H.R. 3310, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998; H.R. 2515, a Bill to Address the Declining Health of Forests; H.R. 3246, the Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998; and H.R. 3485, The Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998.

We also hope to bring up H.R. 1757, the State Department Reauthorization Bill, conference report.

Mr. Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 2 p.m. on Friday, March 27.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to discuss the schedule for the last week of March. As the schedule we distributed at the beginning of the year indicates, the House will meet on Monday, March 30th, through Wednesday April 1. We have a number of very important pieces of legislation for the week, including the supplemental appropriations bill and the BESTEA bill. Members should note it will be necessary to begin legislative business and votes at noon on Monday, March 30.

On Wednesday, April 1, we will adjourn for the spring district work period, from which the House will return on Tuesday, April 21st.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader and would just inquire further of him for some clarification on the schedule.

Does the gentleman expect us to be in late on Tuesday night, since we begin votes at 5 with six bills and one correction?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, he is referring to Tuesday of next week?

Mr. ROEMER. That is correct.

Mr. ARMEY. No, I do not expect to be in late. We will probably take those votes at 5, and that will probably be the business for the evening.

Mr. ROEMER. Does the gentleman from Texas expect any late votes next week?

Mr. ARMEY. It is possible that Wednesday and Thursday could be late evenings.

Mr. ROEMER. If the gentleman would continue to elucidate on the schedule, does he expect campaign finance reform to come to the floor next week or any time soon?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for asking. Yes, as I noted, I expect it to be on the floor sometime next week.

Mr. ROEMER. Can the gentleman be more specific as to a day?

Mr. ARMEY. I would expect Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. ROEMER. Wednesday or Thursday.

And would the majority leader tell the House as well about the State Department conference bill coming to the floor; when he expects that bill to come to the floor and what the vote tally might be?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for asking. We expect that bill to be on the floor sometime next week, and as soon as we have more definitive information, we will let the Members know.

Mr. ROEMER. If the majority leader knows the answer to this question, on H.R. 3246, the bill dealing with the National Labor Relations Board, does he expect that bill to be coming before the House next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Once again, I thank the gentleman for asking, and we would ex-

pect that bill on Thursday of next week.

Mr. ROEMER. Thursday next week.

Mr. Speaker, with that I do not have any further questions of the majority leader, other than to say that I think a lot of us have been seeing a lot of our families for the past couple of months, and we hope to continue to do that into the year. Does the majority leader expect us to have late nights with the appropriations bills coming up soon?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for his questions, and I do hope Members have had time to be with their families.

Mr. ROEMER. The gentleman sounds like that time is over.

Mr. ARMEY. Well, I think the week following next will be a rigorous and demanding week. It is a short week of only 3 days, and we will then have an opportunity to spend some time in our districts working and visiting with our families and celebrating Easter.

We will then, as we come back, move fairly quickly into the appropriation season. And as the gentleman knows, appropriation season can be a season of the year when we do have more than a fair share of late evenings. And, of course, that is always regrettable, but the work must be done.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader, and I want to say to him that I will continue to work with him and his office on these scheduling issues.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1998

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourns to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 23, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, for morning-hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. TIAHRT. 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 Kansas?