Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, if I might inquire of the distinguished gentleman a couple of questions.

On Monday are we only considering the suspension bills, or does the gentleman plan to move into other legislation?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, that is the plan right now. But it is possible that there could be a motion to go to conference on the Foreign Operations appropriation bill.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, may I ask the gentleman from California what day he expects the Social Security tax issue to come up?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it is our anticipation that on Wednesday or Thursday of next week we will most likely consider that.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask the gentleman, how about late nights next week? I know there is the Congressional baseball game on Wednesday and the White House picnic on Thursday.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman want me to speak for the full House or the Committee on Rules at this point?

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask the gentleman to speak for the Committee on Rules and we will take it as the full House today.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me just say that we do not anticipate late nights other than a great celebration by Republicans on the victory which we are anticipating Wednesday evening for the baseball game. And, of course, Thursday is the White House picnic, and I know there is going to be a lot of celebrating at that point, as well.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, that leaves Tuesday and Monday. And we do not know on Monday yet.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, we hope not to be too late with suspensions. It would simply be that motion to go to conference which we were discussing.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, and Friday, is that definite or might that be up in the air?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, again, the issues of appropriation conference reports that we want to complete before the recess. And it is quite possible that the Labor-HHS conference report would be before us at the end of next week and/or the Legislative Branch appropriations conference report.

I know my friend joins us in wanting to get as much as we possibly can accomplished for this ''can do'' Congress of ours.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from California for his comments.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 4516, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4516) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES OFFERED BY MR. PASTOR

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. PASTOR moves that the managers on the part of the House at the Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 be instructed to insist on the provisions of the Senate amendment with respect to providing $384,867,000 for the General Accounting Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR.)

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this motion to instruct instructs the conferees to fund the General Accounting Office, which is very important to the work of the Congress, at that amount. I would ask my colleagues to support this motion.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this motion asks the conferees to go along with the Senate amendment on the appropriations level for the General Accounting Office. We have no objection to that and accept the motion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR).

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. TAYLOR of North Carolina, WAMP, LEWIS of California, Ms. GRANGER, and Messrs. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, YOUNG of Florida, PASTOR, MURTHA, HOYER, and OBEY.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, a Dear Colleague letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules may meet next week to grant a rule for the consideration of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act for the fiscal year 2001.

The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require that amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. In this case, amendments must be preprinted prior to their consideration on the floor.

The Committee on Appropriations ordered the bill reported this afternoon and the Committee on Appropriations expects to file the report on the bill on Tuesday of next week. Copies of the bill as ordered reported can be obtained at the Office of Legislative Counsel and at the Committee on Appropriations office in Room H–218 of the Capitol.

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

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. SESSIONS. 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.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 24, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS. 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 debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET REQUEST ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-271)

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 Appropriations and ordered to be printed: