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| Holt            | McNulty        | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Honda           | Meehan         | Sanders          |
| Hooley          | Meek (FL)      | Schakowsky       |
| Hoyer           | Meeks (NY)     | Schiff           |
| Hulshof         | Melancon       | Schwartz (PA)    |
| Inslee          | Michaud        | Scott (GA)       |
| Israel          | Miller (NC)    | Scott (VA)       |
| Jackson (IL)    | Miller, George | Sensenbrenner    |
| Jackson-Lee     | Mollohan       | Serrano          |
| (TX)            | Moore (KS)     | Shays            |
| Johnson, E. B.  | Moore (WI)     | Sherman          |
| Jones (NC)      | Moran (VA)     | Skelton          |
| Jones (OH)      | Murtha         | Slaughter        |
| Kanjorski       | Nadler         | Smith (WA)       |
| Kaptur          | Napolitano     | Snyder           |
| Kennedy (RI)    | Neal (MA)      | Solis            |
| Kildee          | Oberstar       | Spratt           |
| Kilpatrick (MI) | Obey           | Stark            |
| Kind            | Oliver         | Strickland       |
| Kolbe           | Owens          | Stupak           |
| Kucinich        | Pallone        | Tanner           |
| Langevin        | Pascarell      | Tauscher         |
| Lantos          | Pastor         | Taylor (MS)      |
| Larsen (WA)     | Payne          | Thompson (CA)    |
| Larson (CT)     | Pelosi         | Thompson (MS)    |
| Lee             | Peterson (MN)  | Tierney          |
| Levin           | Platts         | Towns            |
| Lewis (GA)      | Pomeroy        | Udall (CO)       |
| Lipinski        | Price (NC)     | Udall (NM)       |
| Lofgren, Zoe    | Rahall         | Van Hollen       |
| Lowe            | Ramstad        | Velázquez        |
| Lynch           | Rangel         | Visclosky        |
| Maloney         | Reyes          | Wasserman        |
| Markey          | Ross           | Schultz          |
| Marshall        | Rothman        | Waters           |
| Matheson        | Roybal-Allard  | Watson           |
| Matsui          | Ruppersberger  | Watt             |
| McCarthy        | Rush           | Waxman           |
| McCollum (MN)   | Ryan (OH)      | Weiner           |
| McDermott       | Sabo           | Wexler           |
| McGovern        | Salazar        | Woolsey          |
| McIntyre        | Sánchez, Linda | Wu               |
| McKinney        | T.             | Wynn             |

## NOT VOTING—10

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| Blumenauer | Hastings (FL) | Ortiz        |
| Evans      | Jefferson     | Paul         |
| Fattah     | Millender-    | Ros-Lehtinen |
| Gilchrest  | McDonald      |              |

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, on the day of April 27, 2006, I was unable to vote due to an important prescheduled engagement with the President of the United States for which I was granted a leave of absence. I would like the RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 109, and "nay" on rollcall No. 110.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 109: "Yes."

Rollcall No. 110: "No."

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the majority leader for the purposes of inquiring about the schedule for the balance of the week and the week to come.

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank my colleague for yielding. Given the hour and the

commitments that Members have tomorrow, it is the intention of the majority leader to finish the bill under which the rule we just passed on ethics and lobbying reform on Tuesday. And so the House will convene at 12:30 for morning hour and 2 o'clock for legislative business. There will be some suspensions. Votes will be rolled until 6:30.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider H.R. 4943, the Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act. In addition to H.R. 4943, we will do H.R. 4954, the SAFE Port Act, which the Committee on Homeland Security completed yesterday, and we are continuing to work with other committees to assure that this bill will be ready. I would expect this bill to be considered on Thursday.

The committees of jurisdiction have also begun to hold hearings on energy, and Members should expect votes in the coming weeks addressing America's energy needs. That completes my report on what next week looks like.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, could you comment perhaps on the Communications Opportunity Promotion and Enhancement Act, the Telecom Act.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. There is a possibility that the telco bill could get out next week. The committee acted. There are other committees of interest, and we are working with them. It is too early to give a hard commitment that it will be up next week.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for that information. Of course, there was expectation that we were going to pass the lobbying reform act that was offered. We are obviously not doing that. You mentioned that it would be up on Tuesday. My question is, is that accurate? I am sure that you would tell the truth, but, I mean, I want to make that clear.

Mr. BOEHNER. If the gentleman would yield.

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the majority leader.

Mr. BOEHNER. Let me work with you on whether that is actually Tuesday or whether we do it first thing Wednesday morning.

Mr. HOYER. I think that is very important, Mr. Leader, for us to know and maybe we can work on that because obviously Members want to speak on amendments and they would have to know whether they have to be back before the 6:30 voting if you were going to take it up prior to that.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. Does the gentleman want to agree right now that the first thing, the first order of business on Wednesday morning will be to take up the lobby and ethics reform package?

Mr. HOYER. Yes. We have not discussed that, but I am sure that would be fine.

Mr. BOEHNER. If it meets with your approval, I would be happy to do it.

Mr. HOYER. That is acceptable to us. We think the bill needs a lot of work, and that will give you some more time to work on it.

I am sorry. I couldn't help myself.

Now, Mr. Leader, the budget. We have not voted on a budget yet. And you did not mention it in your schedule. Is there any expectation that you might have, Mr. Leader, that the budget might be on the floor either next week or some week after that?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I am hopeful.

Mr. HOYER. Still?

Mr. BOEHNER. Still.

Mr. HOYER. I presume the Appropriations Committee, at some point in time, will proceed without the budget. Would that be your expectation if we don't pass a budget in the near term?

Mr. BOEHNER. I would hope that we would have a budget.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Leader, let me turn the page here. The other bills that you and I have talked about, one in particular we think is extraordinarily important. I know you feel it is important, and that is the pension bill. There are literally millions of Americans and thousands of companies very concerned about the status of the pension conference. Can you bring us up to date on whether or not you have any expectation that the pension conference would be completed in the near term and come to the floor?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I appreciate my colleague for yielding. It is important that we protect America's pensions and that we protect the pension system that we have. And having spent some 6 years working on this proposal, trust me, there is no one wants this finished more than me.

There was some progress last night amongst the principals, and I remain optimistic that we will have this finished before the Memorial Day District Work Period. I am hopeful that it will be finished before then. But there has been some movement. There is some cooperation with the Senate. And I have talked to Members on both sides of the aisle, both the House and Senate, that are working together to get this issue passed. And I am very optimistic.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time. Mr. Leader, again, I say this with all due respect and seriousness. I read in the paper today that the conferees met last night. With all due respect, Mr. Leader, the conferees did not meet last night. Apparently, the Republican conferees met last night. You indicated both sides of the aisle. It is my understanding, from our conferees, that they are not being included in the discussions of the conference. Again, it is our perspective that cuts out about 125 million Americans that we represent on this side of the aisle from discussions about an issue that you have worked very hard on, Members on our side have worked very hard on, and that we all agree is critical to our country and to millions of Americans individually. I would hope, Mr. Leader, that you would prevail on the chairman of the conference to include our side of the aisle in the discussions.