

MR. [VITO] MARCANTONIO [of New York]: Mr. Speaker, a point of order on the motion.

THE SPEAKER: The gentleman will state it.

MR. MARCANTONIO: Mr. Speaker, I submit the motion to adjourn is dilatory. While I recognize that intervening business has been transacted, such as voting on the motion to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business, it seems to me that the House has expressed its will on this matter about an hour ago and the House refused to adjourn. I think it is obvious to the Speaker that the House has refused to adjourn and the motion, therefore, is dilatory.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair has already entertained the motion. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida.

Parliamentarian's Note: See also Chapters 18, 21, and 17, *supra*, for discussion of prohibition against dilatory motions under the discharge rule (Rule XXVII clause 4), motions to suspend the rules (Rule XVI clause 8), and motions pending reports from the Committee on Rules (Rule XI clause 4(b)).

B. MOTIONS TO POSTPONE

§ 5. In General

There are two motions to postpone. One provides postponement to a day certain; the other postpones the matter in question indefinitely. The adoption of a motion to postpone indefinitely constitutes a final adverse disposition of the measure to which it is applied. (See § 8.1, *infra*.) Each must be applied to the entire pending proposition, not to a part thereof.⁽¹⁴⁾

The motion to postpone to a day certain may be amended⁽¹⁵⁾ and

14. 5 Hinds' Precedents § 5306.

15. 8 Cannon's Precedents § 2824; 5 Hinds' Precedents § 5754.

debated, although debate is limited to the advisability of postponement only and may not go to the merits of the proposition to be postponed.⁽¹⁶⁾

Neither motion to postpone is in order in the Committee of the Whole, but under special circumstances absent a special rule governing consideration of a bill for amendment under the five-minute rule, it has been held in order in the Committee of the Whole to move that a bill be reported to the House with the rec-

16. 8 Cannon's Precedents §§ 2372, 2616, 2640; and 5 Hinds' Precedents §§ 5311-5315.

ommendation that action on it be postponed.⁽¹⁷⁾

The motion to postpone to a day certain may not specify a particular hour.⁽¹⁸⁾ Business postponed to a day certain is in order on that day immediately following approval of the Journal and disposition of the business on the Speaker's table, but may be displaced by business of higher privilege.⁽¹⁾

§ 6. When in Order

Effect of Ordering Previous Question

§ 6.1 The motion to postpone further consideration of a matter is not in order after the previous question has been ordered thereon.⁽²⁾

Postponement of Veto Message

§ 6.2 A privileged motion to postpone further consideration of a veto message to a day certain was made immediately following the reading of the message.

17. 18 Cannon's Precedents §2372; 4 Hinds' Precedents §4765.

18. 5 Hinds' Precedents §5307.

1. 8 Cannon's Precedents §2614.

2. 8 Cannon's Precedents §§2616, 2617; and 5 Hinds' Precedents §§5319-5321.

On June 23, 1970,⁽³⁾ the President's veto message on H.R. 11102, the medical facilities construction and modernization amendments of 1970, was laid before the House:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning without my approval H.R. 11102, the Medical Facilities Construction and Modernization Amendments of 1970. My reason for this veto is basic: H.R. 11102 is a long step down the road of fiscal irresponsibility, and we should not take that road. . . .

In these times there is no room in this massive program—or in any other program—for the kind of needless and misdirected spending represented in H.R. 11102. I again call upon the Congress to join me in holding down Government spending to avoid a large budget deficit in fiscal year 1971.

Richard Nixon.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 22, 1970.*

THE SPEAKER:⁽⁴⁾ The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal and the message and bill will be printed as a House document.

MR. [HARLEY O.] STAGGERS [of West Virginia]: Mr. Speaker, I move that further consideration of the veto message of the President be postponed until Thursday, June 25, 1970.

Mr. Speaker, the reason I ask for this postponement is to serve notice on all Members of the House and to give everyone an opportunity to study the

3. 116 CONG. REC. 20876, 20877, 91st Cong. 2d Sess.

4. John W. McCormack (Mass.).