

Mr. ROEMER. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman is absolutely correct about the frustrations. Certainly I felt it, too. I stand before you as a man who is a half-hour late already with a date that I have with the most beautiful woman I have known, and we feel these frustrations every day.

But I must say that, given what I have seen today as what I believe is a real breakthrough in relations with the work and the help of the minority leader and certainly the cooperation we have gotten from the distinguished ranking member of the committee on this effort, I believe we have got an opportunity to alleviate all of this tension and frustration in the future, and I am looking forward to moving on with the completion of this week, the beginning of next week under much more favorable conditions than we anticipated just a few short hours before, and I think more smoothly throughout the rest of this Congress.

Mr. ROEMER. Further reserving the right to object, so I can ascertain from the gentleman's remarks, that after the contract and the first 100 days is over, he is going to be working on spending more time with this beautiful lady after those 100 days and we can get that as a solid commitment?

Mr. ARMEY. Yes, if the gentleman will yield, not only that, you with your beautiful children and your wife as well.

Mr. ROEMER. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I wanted to say I misspoke in my explanation of the arrangement in saying all the amendments would have 30 minutes. It is my understanding that we are intending to have 1 hour for the Orton amendment alone.

Mr. ARMEY. Absolutely. That is correct. And I will have this in the request I am about to make.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

ORDER OF OFFERING AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2 ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the Committee of the Whole House meets under the 5-minute rule next Monday to consider amendments to H.R. 2 that four amendments, if offered, will be considered, time to be divided equally between proponents and opponents of the amendment, with debate not to exceed the time allotted, in this case the gentleman from Utah [Mr. ORTON] for 1

hour, the gentleman from California [Ms. WATERS] for 30 minutes, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. TAUZIN] for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] for 30 minutes; furthermore, that no amendments to the amendments may be offered, that two substitutes, if offered, will also be considered, time to be equally divided between the proponents and opponents, and debate not to exceed 1 hour each.

Those substitutes would be by the gentleman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER] and by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. STENHOLM], with the proviso that the gentleman from Texas [Mr. STENHOLM] will not begin to offer his substitute until 5 o'clock p.m.; and, finally, that no amendments to the substitutes may be offered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. For clarification, the Chair will ask one question.

Is it the majority leader's request that the six named amendments, and none other, be in order for the balance of the consideration?

Mr. ARMEY. The Chair is correct in that.

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

There was no objection.

ORDER OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 2 minutes.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I hope that we have most of our Members that have now discerned from these two requests, and we will engage both majority and minority whip information system to inform all of our Members, that with these requests and with the generous cooperation of the minority, we are now able to advise Members that unless you have business on the floor that you need not anticipate a vote will be taken before 5 o'clock next Monday. Certainly those people with business on the floor and those people interested in debating the business on the floor will need to be here at 2, but Members not required to be on the floor for purposes of the debate may now be assured that votes will not occur before 5 o'clock, and very likely 5:30 on Monday next.

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

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. VOLKMER. It will take very little time, just to commend the gentleman and the gentleman from Missouri for working this out, and it is something I know will be beneficial to many Members, and I also think it is incumbent on staff now to notify those Members, a lot of whom are probably on their way home, and maybe it will make them feel better.

Mr. ARMEY. And again, one final point, the staff should be sure to notify the gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS], who is on his way to Califor-

nia to celebrate the birth of a new grandbaby.

OUR LEADERS SHOULD PUBLISH THEIR IDEAS AND WISDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER] is recognized for 5 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] would listen to my response to his special order a few minutes ago with respect to the Speaker of the House and the Speaker's intent to write a book.

I think the gentleman from Missouri, in continuing to raise accusations, clouds over the Speaker, because of the fact that he is preparing to write a book and publish that book, does a disservice to this House, and I think a disservice to the tradition that we want to have leaders in this Nation who not only have ideas and thoughts and wisdom and insight but also express those ideas and those thoughts and that wisdom and insight in books and make them available for the American people and for the people of the world.

I thought, as I walked down here, when I listened to the gentleman complain bitterly that the Speaker of the House might write a book, I thought about the great leaders in the West who have written books, and I thought about Winston Churchill, who wrote "The History of the English-Speaking Peoples," written when he was in office and who wrote following World War II "The History of World War II," a multivolume book, that has been the source of wisdom for many of those who came after him, and I thought of our great President, Teddy Roosevelt, who wrote many books, who wrote "The Winning of the West", "Trails of a Ranch Man", "The Naval War of 1812", "Through the Brazilian Wilderness", "The Strenuous Life", "The Rough Riders", who was a prolific writer and, you know, Teddy Roosevelt, of all of the, and I disagreed with the Speaker the other night when he said that Franklin Roosevelt may have been the biggest figure on the political stage in this century, the biggest political figure.

I think the other Roosevelt, Teddy Roosevelt, was the biggest political figure of this century, and Teddy Roosevelt left his energy and left his imprint on succeeding generations up to and including this generation of political leaders, because he wrote. He wrote, and he made his words available to the American people. He made his words available to Europeans and to Asians and to people around the world. I think in many ways Teddy Roosevelt's words and his books were such ambassadors of what this country is all about, as his speeches and his career.

Let me just say to my friend, the gentleman from Missouri, this Member, speaking for himself, says this: I want to have leaders who write books. I would like to see leaders on the Democratic side of the aisle write books. I think that whether you agree with it or do not agree with it, Vice President GORE'S book that he wrote and received remuneration for provoked thought, provoked response, across the political spectrum, and for that reason was a very useful instrument in ginning up this mill of debate of the national forum.

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

Mr. HUNTER. I am happy to yield to my friend, the gentleman from California.

Mr. DORNAN. We are going to be expecting about 12 inches of snow starting late tonight, and I am going to dig my pal and classmate, AL GORE'S, book out and read about global warming under those 12 inches of snow, especially if my fireplace gives out. I mean, it looks like we are getting colder, not warmer.

But it is still interesting to read the book, to get the other side. I like books. I have 4,000 at home. You have seen every one of them.

Mr. HUNTER. I am going to return his book. I have one of his MacArthur books that I promised to return for several years, and I promise, once again, that I will return that book soon.

Mr. DORNAN. We should have a carrier, the U.S.S. *Douglas MacArthur*.

Mr. HUNTER. I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Missouri, in just a second.

Let me just say with respect to remuneration, in terms of what you can do to make money in this world, there is probably nothing more democratic, nothing more open, nothing more populist than to make your words available to millions of people, and if a person wants to buy your book, he pays through the book-purchasing process \$5 or \$6 to the author, and there is nothing that is less of a special interest than an average American purchasing a book to read because he wants to see someone's ideas.

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And I think it does a disservice to the House, and I will tell the gentleman that he is going to have leaders on his side of the aisle who want to share their ideas with the world.

PROS AND CONS OF PUBLIC FIGURES WRITING BOOKS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 30 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, why should I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER]? Because he yielded to me? Why should I yield to

the new conscience of the House who is pro-gun, pro-life, pro-guts, pro-defense and has been giving us a hard time and yelled at me the other day? Of course I yield to the gentleman from California if he will promise to yield to the distinguished gentleman and my pal from the great State of Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER].

Mr. HUNTER. I will. Just finishing my thought, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. DORNAN. He is pro-books, too.

Mr. HUNTER. Let me just say I hope the gentleman from Missouri writes a book. And I think as one Member when he writes it I am going to purchase that book and read it, and I will ask the gentleman from California to yield to him.

Mr. DORNAN. I am now controlling the time and loving every second of it. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. VOLKMER. The gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] has been a good friend, and we worked together for a good many years on many pieces of legislation, many of which we agree on. I agree, I have no disagreement with Members writing books. I think the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER] missed the point. The point that bothers me and I think we need to clear up because I have seen it in the media, I saw it the other night on TV, we need to clear it up: What influence did Rupert Murdoch have in relation to the writing of the book and to the book contract and how much the Speaker is going to get? I do not believe that Teddy Roosevelt, AL GORE, or anybody else had any types of contract with any types of person. Now there may not be anything wrong with that. I am just asking that let us get it cleared up so that we know there is nothing wrong with it. Let the Speaker go ahead and write a book, I have no objection to his writing a book. My only question is what remuneration is in that contract, did the things that Rupert Murdoch and his companies have in relation to the Federal Government as to the impact on writing that book.

Mr. DORNAN. Fair question. I yield to the gentleman from San Diego for a fair answer.

Mr. HUNTER. Let me just say to my friends almost every book that is published by a major figure is published through a major publishing house.

Mr. VOLKMER. Correct.

Mr. HUNTER. Most books that are published by a major publishing house are published with a book advance. I understand there is not going to be any advance. Most of them are published with an advance. I would say the gentleman is stating we should presume that there may be a problem because there may have been influence wielded because a Member of the House leadership has followed the American tradition of writing a book and publishing it with a publishing house, a fairly large well-known publishing house in the United States, somehow has something wrong with it, so that we should go out with absolutely no evidence of any im-

propriety and investigate that because someone is going to write a book.

Now I would say that the one thing that we deal with, our tools that we use in this business are words, written words and spoken words. There is nothing more natural for a public figure whether he is Democrat or Republican than to write a book. And so the idea that the gentleman has now established a new presumption of guilt for people whose stock in trade is words, that when they put these words into books and sell them to the public the relationships that they have with publishers have to be examined I think does a disservice to this House and to all public figures who would write. I want to give that person on the street a chance to buy that book, and if he pays \$4 out of the \$20 cost of that book to the person would write it, if that is the Speaker of the House, then I think that is not influence.

REMEMBERING THOMAS: GUILT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE CHILD WHO NEVER WAS

Mr. DORNAN. Reclaiming my time, if the gentleman will stay—the snow is not due until after midnight—through my special order, I am going to read an article appearing in America's No. 1 liberal political newspaper, the Washington Post, on abortion, by an excellent Washington Post staff writer, Phil McCombs. Now, if I were to write a book today it would be on the premiere core central issue of all the social issues, the issue that I believe is tearing apart families in our lower income categories and families in our higher income categories, and that is the destruction of innocent life in the womb. And if the gentlemen, Mr. HUNTER and Mr. VOLKMER, my good pro-life friends stay and hear this article, this column today that I am going to read, I think you will both realize that there are lots of subjects that still need to be written about in depth with great compassion and feeling.

I think that I hear Mr. VOLKMER'S point clearly that if a publishing house has business before this great House and Chamber, then we have to look at those relationships. I think our dynamic Speaker is willing to do that.

Let me reclaim my time. May I ask the gentlemen to trade places because I want that lectern and then stay around if you want to comment later.

First of all, let me ask the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER], "What are you, about 6 foot 2?" I am so tired of people coming up to me and saying, "My Gosh, you are 5 inches taller than I thought you were." It goes on regularly. I do not know whether it is my voice sitting in for Rush Limbaugh or something about here. But a Member finally taught me something. He said, "I notice, Bob, that you will bring up the lectern, put the mike down," and I guess in that way I look like I am 5 foot 3. SONNY BONO is about 5 foot 4 and look how he comes across. They said, "If you drop it way down, pull the