

votes on Thursday. If everything goes well, we are hopeful we will be able to make a 3 o'clock departure time on Thursday.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Again, the intent is not to have votes on Friday? That is the clear intent?

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. GEPHARDT. A further question, can the gentleman give any advice to Members on whether other days will be given away prior to the April recess? In particular, I am thinking of Monday, April 3, or Friday, April 7. Does the gentleman have any advice on that at this point?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, at this point I can only tell the gentleman with respect to both of those days I have only high hopes, but no clear enough picture to be able to advise you.

Mr. GEPHARDT. And then, fourth, regarding the rule on the tax bill which is coming in the last week, it is my understanding that the Committee on Rules will meet on the tax bill on Wednesday. I would like to ask if it is true that just one substitute may be made in order; will Members on both sides of the aisle be permitted to offer substitutes for that bill?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, we have made no decisions regarding that. I think that it is true that the committee will meet on that and, I believe, start taking testimony on Wednesday, if that is correct, 10 o'clock in the morning next week.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Ten o'clock on Wednesday. So Members who want to offer substitutes or amendments should be willing to appear on Wednesday morning?

Finally, I would like to ask about the timing on the budget resolution. As the gentleman knows, it is traditional under our rules to have completed a budget resolution by the middle of April. I am told that you intend to start in the first part of May, and I just am wondering when you are thinking of trying to bring a budget to the floor.

Can the distinguished majority leader give me a sense of when we might get to the floor on the budget?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, of course, as the gentleman knows, in many, many instances in the past several years it has been impossible to make that exact deadline, and we certainly intended to move on a budget bill as soon after our reconvening after the April work period as possible. So I would say as early in May as we can get our work done we will be announcing that to the floor.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. SABO], the ranking member of the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. SABO. I am curious as it relates to the tax bill, what other bills will be combined with that? I am thinking particularly of the bill we voted out of the Committee on the Budget and other bills that have come out of En-

ergy and Commerce and other committees, the additional changes in Medicare out of Ways and Means. Are those all going to be combined in one bill?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, I can only tell you that the Committee on Rules will be meeting on Wednesday. They will be taking testimony on Wednesday, and we will begin to see what form that takes as that proceeds.

Mr. SABO. So we do not know yet what the exact form of the legislation of the final week before the recess will be, whether it is one bill or several bills?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, that is correct.

Mr. SABO. If the minority leader will yield further, I would only indicate to the House that in recent years the House has completed its action on budget resolutions well in advance of April 15.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I just have one additional last question. Does the gentleman expect us to go to conference on the line-item veto bill next week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, as the gentleman knows, conference reports may be brought up at any time. We would certainly want to move as quickly as we can on that, and having the Senate's action only just last night, we will get to it as soon as we can. I cannot make an announcement at this time.

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1995, TO TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 1995, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. 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.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from Washington [Mrs. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. SMITH of Washington addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. JEFFERSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. JEFFERSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BEREUTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. VOLKMER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

MILITARY TRAINING AND READINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. CUNNINGHAM] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, during the last Congress when my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were in the majority, many of us testified that the extension of Somalia was, first of all, going to cost American lives; second, that it was going to cost billions and billions of dollars, and at the same time it was going to eliminate readiness, because the amount of training that our military was able to do during the extension of Somalia in peacekeeping would be diminished.

We also recognized that a policy change from humanitarian to go after General Aideed would be disastrous, and during that time those decisions