

President to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 115) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, together with the accompanying joint resolution, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I wonder if the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON] would explain to the House the effect of his motion.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. If the gentleman would yield, Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman will recall, shortly after the President vetoed the second continuing resolution, the House acted to postpone to a date certain further consideration of the veto message. That date was December 1, this Friday.

Since then, we have had a successful negotiation with the administration regarding the content of a continuing resolution that takes us through December 15 and a resolution of the language regarding the President's commitment to a balanced budget in 7 years. So I am pleased to say no further action on the veto of the continuing resolution is necessary, and that is why I am proposing to refer the message to the Committee on Appropriations, effectively putting this chapter of the debate behind us. I hope everyone would support this request.

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

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1995, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2076, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House may have until midnight tomorrow, December 1, 1995, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 2076) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1350, THE MARITIME SECURITY ACT OF 1995

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-375) on the resolution (H.

Res. 287) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1350) to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the U.S.-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAMES OF MEMBERS AS COSPONSORS OF H.R. 2667

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF], and the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA], be removed as cosponsors of H.R. 2667, a bill which I had introduced.

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

There was no objection.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—REQUEST FOR REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST SPEAKER

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House on behalf of myself and the gentleman from Florida [Mr. PETERSON], and I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 288) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is currently considering several ethics complaints against Speaker Newt Gingrich;

Whereas the Committee has traditionally handled such cases by appointing an independent, non-partisan, outside counsel—a procedure which has been adopted in every major ethics case since the Committee was established.

Whereas—although complaints against Speaker Gingrich have been under consideration for more than 14 months—the Committee has failed to appoint an outside counsel;

Whereas the Committee has also deviated from other long-standing precedents and rules of procedure; including its failure to adopt a Resolution of Preliminary Inquiry before calling third-party witnesses and receiving sworn testimony;

Whereas these procedural irregularities—and the unusual delay in the appointment of an independent, outside counsel—have led to widespread concern that the Committee is making special exceptions for the Speaker of the House;

Whereas the integrity of the House depends on the confidence of the American people in the fairness and impartiality of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Therefore be it resolved that;

The Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct should report to the House, no later than December 12, 1995, concerning:

(1) The status of the Committee's investigation of the complaints against Speaker Gingrich;

(2) the Committee's disposition with regard to the appointment of a non-partisan outside counsel and the scope of the counsel's investigation;

(3) a timetable for Committee action on the complaints.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution states a question of privilege.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. ARMEY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. ARMEY moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 218, noes 170, answered "present" 9, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 833]

AYES—218

Allard	Ehlers	Lewis (CA)
Archer	Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)
Army	Emerson	Lightfoot
Bachus	English	Linder
Baker (CA)	Everett	Livingston
Baker (LA)	Fawell	LoBiondo
Ballenger	Fields (TX)	Longley
Barr	Flanagan	Lucas
Barrett (NE)	Foley	Manzullo
Bartlett	Forbes	Martinez
Barton	Fowler	Martini
Bass	Fox	McCollum
Bateman	Franks (CT)	McCreery
Bereuter	Franks (NJ)	McDade
Bilbray	Frelinghuysen	McHugh
Bilirakis	Frisa	McInnis
Bliley	Funderburk	McIntosh
Blute	Galleghy	McKeon
Boehlert	Ganske	Metcalf
Boehner	Gekas	Meyers
Bonilla	Gilchrest	Mica
Bono	Gillmor	Miller (FL)
Brownback	Gilman	Molinari
Bryant (TN)	Goodlatte	Moorhead
Bunn	Goodling	Myers
Bunning	Graham	Myrick
Burr	Greenwood	Nethercutt
Burton	Gunderson	Neumann
Buyer	Gutknecht	Ney
Callahan	Hancock	Norwood
Calvert	Hansen	Nussle
Camp	Hastings (WA)	Oxley
Canady	Hayworth	Packard
Castle	Hefley	Parker
Chabot	Heineman	Paxon
Chambliss	Herger	Petri
Christensen	Hilleary	Pombo
Chrysler	Hoekstra	Porter
Clinger	Hoke	Portman
Coble	Horn	Pryce
Coburn	Houghton	Radanovich
Collins (GA)	Hunter	Ramstad
Combest	Hutchinson	Regula
Cooley	Hyde	Riggs
Cox	Inglis	Roberts
Crane	Istook	Rogers
Crapo	Johnson, Sam	Rohrabacher
Creameans	Jones	Ros-Lehtinen
Cubin	Kasich	Roth
Cunningham	Kelly	Roukema
Davis	Kim	Royce
Deal	Kingston	Salmon
DeLay	Klug	Sanford
Diaz-Balart	Knollenberg	Saxton
Dickey	LaHood	Scarborough
Doolittle	Largent	Schaefer
Dornan	Latham	Seastrand
Dreier	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Duncan	Lazio	Shadegg
Dunn	Leach	Shaw

Shays	Talent	Watts (OK)
Shuster	Tate	Weldon (FL)
Skeen	Tauzin	Weldon (PA)
Smith (MI)	Taylor (NC)	Weller
Smith (NJ)	Thomas	White
Smith (TX)	Thornberry	Whitfield
Smith (WA)	Tiahrt	Wicker
Solomon	Traficant	Wolf
Souder	Upton	Young (AK)
Spence	Vucanovich	Young (FL)
Stearns	Waldholtz	Zeliff
Stockman	Walker	Zimmer
Stump	Wamp	

NOES—170

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Ortiz
Andrews	Gibbons	Orton
Baesler	Gonzalez	Owens
Baldacci	Gordon	Pallone
Barcia	Green	Pastor
Barrett (WI)	Gutierrez	Payne (NJ)
Becerra	Hall (OH)	Payne (VA)
Beilenson	Hall (TX)	Peterson (FL)
Bentsen	Hamilton	Pickett
Berman	Harman	Pomeroy
Bevill	Hastings (FL)	Poshard
Bishop	Hefner	Rahall
Bonior	Hilliard	Rangel
Boucher	Holden	Reed
Brewster	Hoyer	Richardson
Browder	Jackson-Lee	Rivers
Brown (CA)	Jacobs	Roemer
Brown (FL)	Jefferson	Rose
Brown (OH)	Johnson (SD)	Roybal-Allard
Bryant (TX)	Johnson, E.B.	Rush
Clay	Johnston	Sabo
Clayton	Kanjorski	Sanders
Clement	Kaptur	Schroeder
Clyburn	Kennedy (MA)	Schumer
Coleman	Kennedy (RI)	Scott
Collins (IL)	Kildee	Serrano
Collins (MI)	Klecicka	Sisisky
Conyers	Klink	Skaggs
Coyne	LaFalce	Skelton
Cramer	Lantos	Slaughter
Danner	Levin	Spratt
de la Garza	Lewis (GA)	Stark
DeFazio	Lipinski	Stenholm
DeLauro	Lofgren	Stokes
Dellums	Lowey	Studds
Deutsch	Luther	Tanner
Dicks	Mascara	Taylor (MS)
Dingell	Matsui	Tejeda
Dixon	McCarthy	Thompson
Doggett	McHale	Thornton
Dooley	McKinney	Thurman
Doyle	Meehan	Torricelli
Durbin	Meek	Towns
Engel	Menendez	Velazquez
Eshoo	Mfume	Vento
Evans	Miller (CA)	Visclosky
Farr	Minge	Ward
Fattah	Mink	Waters
Fazio	Moakley	Watt (NC)
Fields (LA)	Mollohan	Waxman
Filner	Montgomery	Williams
Foglietta	Murtha	Wise
Ford	Nadler	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Neal	Wyden
Frost	Oberstar	Wynn
Furse	Obey	Yates
Gejdenson	Olver	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—9

Cardin	Johnson (CT)	Sawyer
Goss	McDermott	Schiff
Hobson	Pelosi	Wilson

NOT VOTING—35

Ackerman	Hayes	Moran
Borski	Hinchee	Morella
Chapman	Hostettler	Peterson (MN)
Chenoweth	Kennelly	Quillen
Condit	King	Quinn
Costello	Kolbe	Stupak
Edwards	Laughlin	Torkildsen
Ensign	Lincoln	Torres
Ewing	Maloney	Tucker
Flake	Manton	Volkmer
Geren	Markey	Walsh
Hastert	McNulty	

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Mr. BACHUS changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] for the purpose of discussing the schedule for next week.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this vote marks the end of legislative business for the evening and for the week.

For next week, we plan on a pro forma session on Monday, December 4. There will be no legislative business that day.

On Tuesday, December 5, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business to take up a number of bills under suspension of the rules. I won't read through the bills now, but Members should be advised that a list will be distributed to their offices this afternoon.

The suspensions are as follows:

H.R. 33, Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center Act of 1995;

H.R. 1253, renaming San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge;

H.R. 255, designating the James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building;

H.R. 395, designating the Bruce R. Thompson U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building;

H.R. 653, designating the Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse;

H.R. 840, designating the Walter B. Jones Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse;

H.R. 869, designating the Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse;

H.R. 965, designating the Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building; and

H.R. 1804, designating the Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building.

Members should also be advised that we do expect votes soon after 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5.

After consideration of the suspensions on Tuesday and for the balance of the week, we expect to consider the following bills, all of which will be subject to rules:

H.R. 1350, the Maritime Security Act of 1995;

The conference report for H.R. 2076, the Commerce, Justice, State & Judiciary Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996;

The conference report for H.R. 2099, the VA, HUD Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996;

The conference report for H.R. 1058, the Securities Litigation Reform Act;

The conference report for H.R. 1868, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996;

The conference report for H.R. 1977, the Interior Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996;

The conference report for H.R. 2546, the District of Columbia Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996; and

H.R. 2668, the Social Security earnings limit increase.

Mr. Speaker, that should give us a pretty action-packed week, and I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, let me say to my friend and colleague from California that we received a schedule that indicated votes every weekday until December 15. We have not kept to that schedule exactly. In order to help Members plan better, could the gentleman tell us what he expects in terms of votes next Friday?

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman will yield, I appreciate his comments, and, as he knows, we are trying to move as expeditiously as possible, but there are so many questions that at this point remain as we try to adjourn for the year that we cannot say for certain as to how closely we will be able to adhere to that schedule.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that from my friend, but also, in light of the coming holiday season, does he have a sense yet for the schedule after December 15?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, at this point there are just so many questions that remain, we are hoping to see a budget agreement, we are hoping to see a wide agreement of other things, and until those are resolved we do not know what the schedule will be after the 15th.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I thank the gentleman, Mr. Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 1995

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 1995

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, December 4, 1995, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 1995 for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday